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THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

MUSICA

A **Silverclaimer** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET & JULIA

Members of the Dragon Race. Let was formerly a member of Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master. Julia was trapped in dragon form for years, but Let was able to free her and she joined the team.

BELNIKA

As a young girl, she was experimented on in an attempt to artificially access Etherion. Hardner fooled her into fighting for evil until Haru exposed the truth and she joined his side.

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

RUBY

A penguin-type sentinoid, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

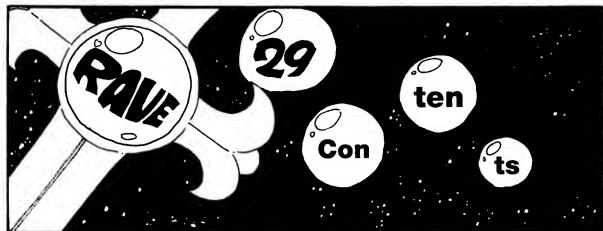
SHIBA

The first Rave Master, before Haru. Fifty years ago he was an unparalleled fighter known as the Sword Saint, but now he's a white-haired old man.

RECENTLY...

Haru and the gang finally defeated Hardner's quest to summon the monster **Endless**, the **King of Oblivion**, but they're not out of the woods yet! When it seemed like Hardner was going to repent his evil ways, **Lucia Raregroove** suddenly appeared and stabbed Hardner in order to steal his **Mother Dark Bring**. Now Lucia lacks only one of the Mother Dark Brings—but Haru is on the trail of the final Rave Stone...a trail that leads the gang into a mysterious tunnel...





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Super Mobile Fortress RAVE

Fly! Heroes of Love!

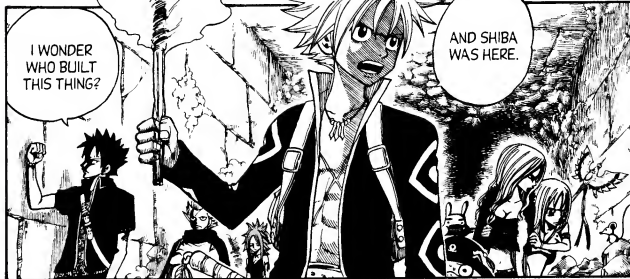
You DO
remember
love, don't
you...?

So many
tears flow
from the
glittering
stars of
space...

Summer, 0068
ROADSHOW



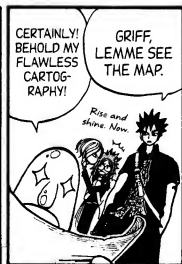
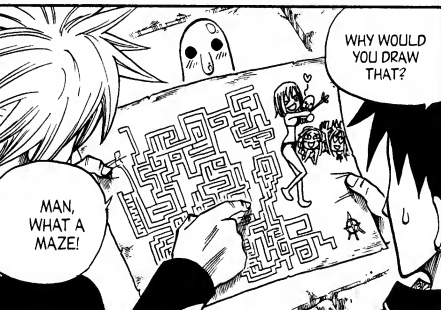
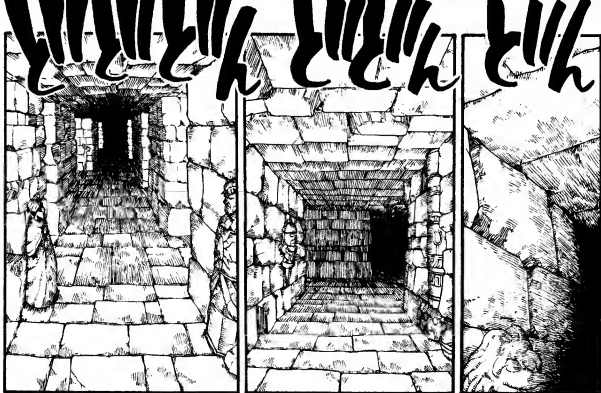
SO THIS IS
THE WAY
IN, HUH?



I WONDER
WHO BUILT
THIS THING?

AND SHIBA
WAS HERE.







THEN WE CRAWLED
THROUGH THIS RAT
HOLE FOR A WHOLE
LOT OF NOTHING?

YES; WE'VE
WALKED ALL
THE PATHS.

WAIT A MINUTE...
ACCORDING TO THIS,
ALL THE TUNNELS
ARE BLOCKED.

REALLY
?!



THERE'S PROBABLY A
HIDDEN PASSAGEWAY
SOMEWHERE.

EVERYBODY GO
INTO MYSTERY
ADVENTURE
MODE!

NO. I KNOW
SHIBA WENT
THIS WAY.

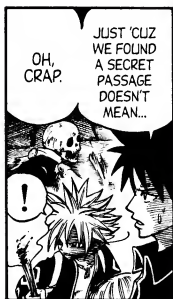


HM.

"HIDDEN,"
HUH?

HE'S
OBSESSED,
POYO.

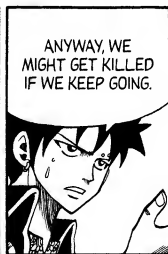




JUST 'CUZ
WE FOUND
A SECRET
PASSAGE
DOESN'T
MEAN...













JUST...

A LITTLE
MORE!

DRAG WITH
YOUR BODY
WEIGHT!

RIGHT!



GUYS!

MY CHUB
WILL
FINALLY
HELP US,
POYO!

VROOM.

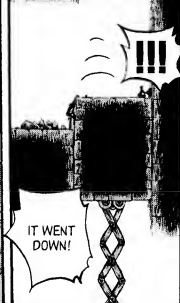
I'M GLAD
I SKIPPED
THAT
DIET!

HGGH!

STUPID...
HARU!

MEME!

NNN!

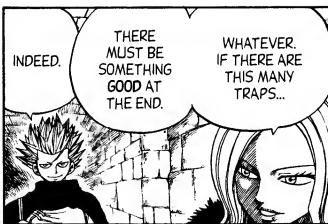
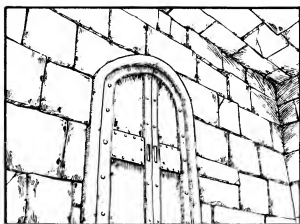




I GUESS I GOT
A LITTLE
WORKED UP.



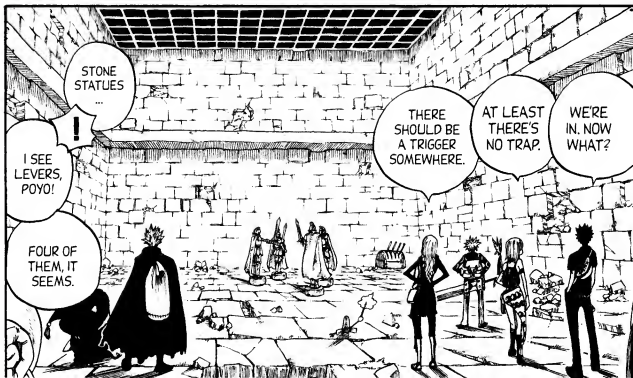
WE DON'T
TRUST YOUR
ACCIDENT-
PRONE ASS.



INDEED.

THERE
MUST BE
SOMETHING
GOOD AT
THE END.

WHATEVER.
IF THERE ARE
THIS MANY
TRAPS...



STONE
STATUES
...

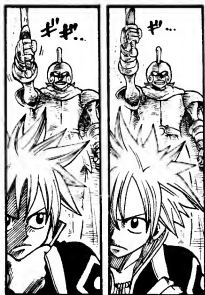
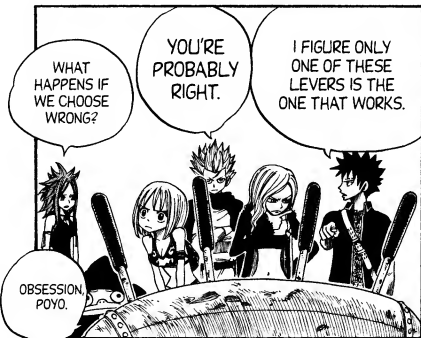
! I SEE
LEVERS,
POYO!

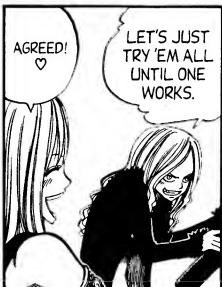
FOUR OF
THEM, IT
SEEMS.

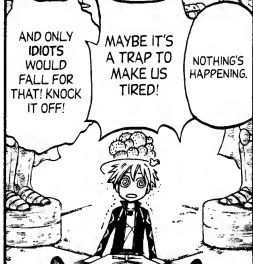
THERE
SHOULD BE
A TRIGGER
SOMEWHERE.

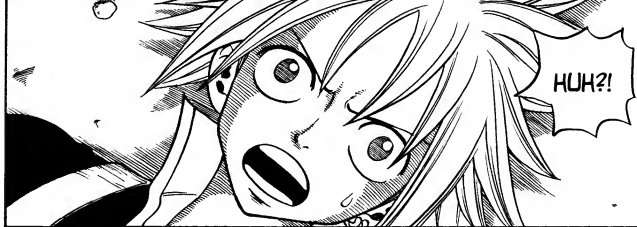
AT LEAST
THERE'S
NO TRAP.

WE'RE
IN. NOW
WHAT?

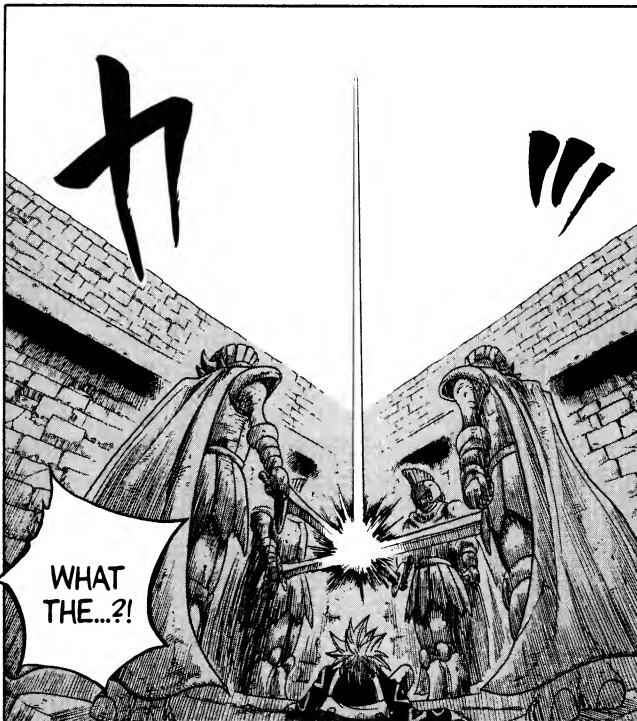








HUH?!



WHAT
THE...?!

Super Mobile Fortress **RAVE 2**

Toward You in Blue Space

Sequel
to the
record-
breaking
hit of
6 months
earlier!
2nd
space
opera by
the great
master
Hiro
Shima!

Can
truth be
found
in the
depths
of
battle?

Let us swear...
we warriors of the stars.

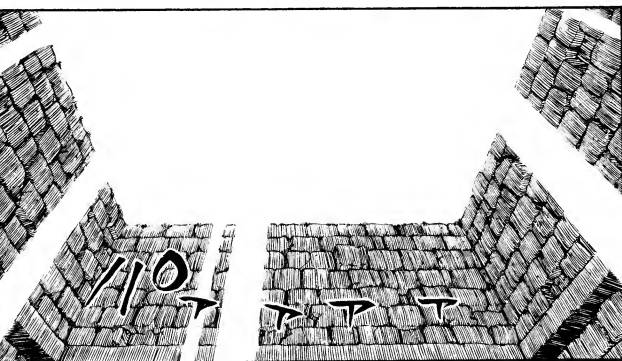
Let us pray...
upon love flowing in vast space.

Let us dream...
that we will reach tomorrow.

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NEW YEAR ROADSHOW!

RAVE:237 + ABOUT THE SECOND RAVE MASTER







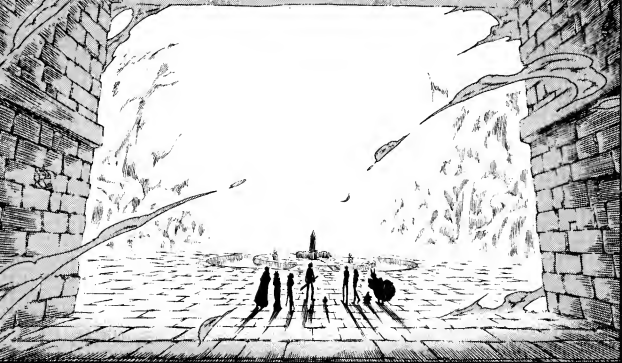
A BLUE
SKY?!

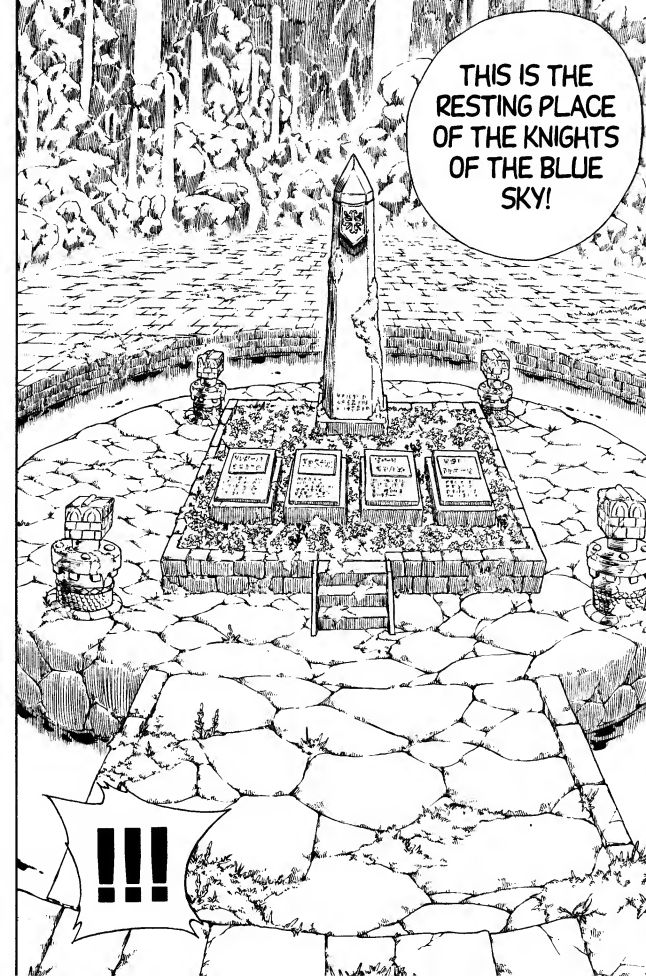


YIKES!

LOOK,
POYO! THE
WALLS
VANISHED,
POYO!

I THINK
IT'S A
PAINTING.





THIS IS THE
RESTING PLACE
OF THE KNIGHTS
OF THE BLUE
SKY!

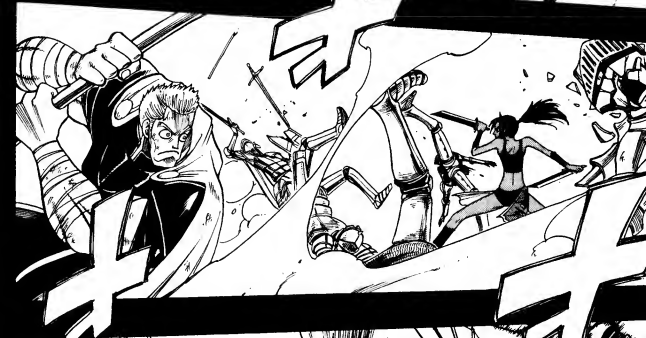
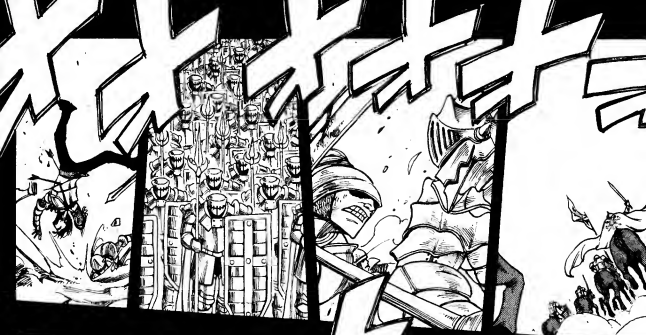
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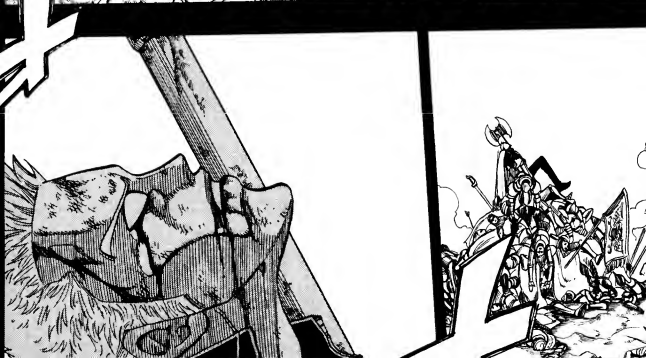
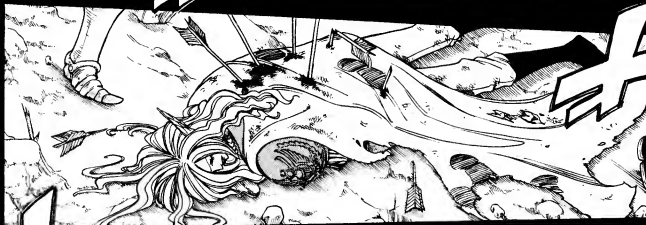
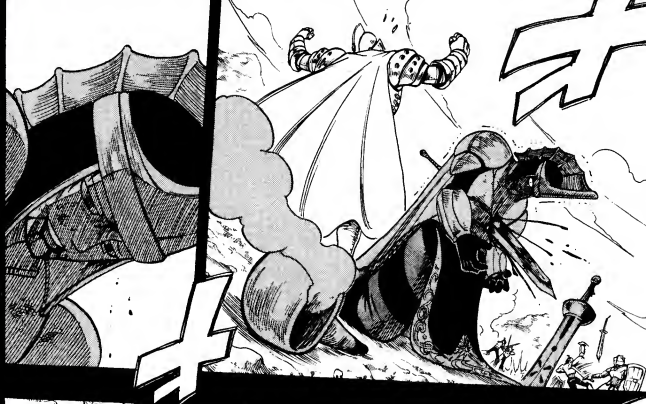
OUR
SACRED
M-
SACRED

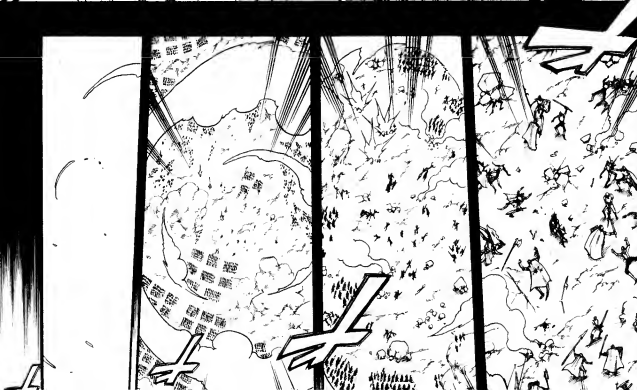
HERE REST THE
HEROES OF THE
IMPERIAL WAR.



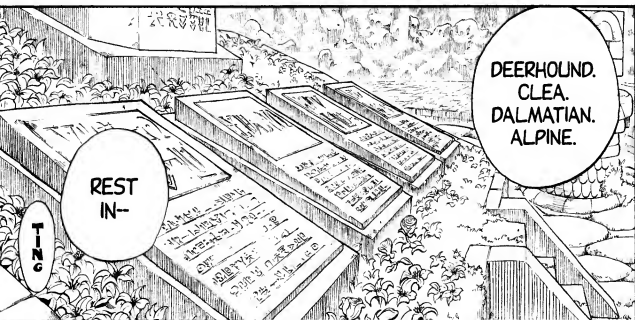
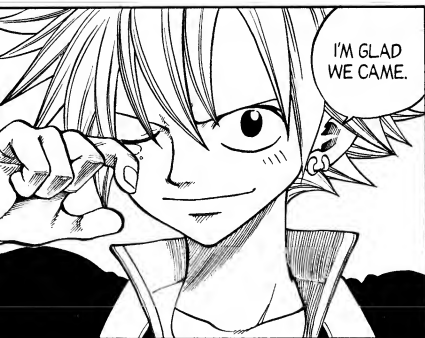












I CONTINUE
TO GUARD
THE TOMB IN
THE FORM OF
AN ANIMAL.

LIKE THE
KNIGHTS OF
THE BLUE
SKY, THROUGH
ALPINE'S
POWER...

I AM BUT
A SIMPLE
DEAD
SOLDIER
FROM THE
WAR.

TING

WHY ARE
YOU IN THAT
FORM?

LEOPARD.

HE'S A
CAT!

...IN TRUTH,
HE ALONE
LIVES ON AS
A HUMAN.

INDEED.
THOUGH THE
LEGEND SAYS
HE FELL DURING
THE WAR...

YOU DON'T
MEAN--

!!

THE
POWER OF
ALPINE...

SHIBA KNOWS
MORE THAN
I CAN TELL
YOU.

TING

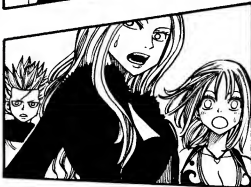
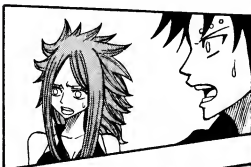
IT DOESN'T
ONLY HOUSE
THE KNIGHTS'
RESTING
PLACE.

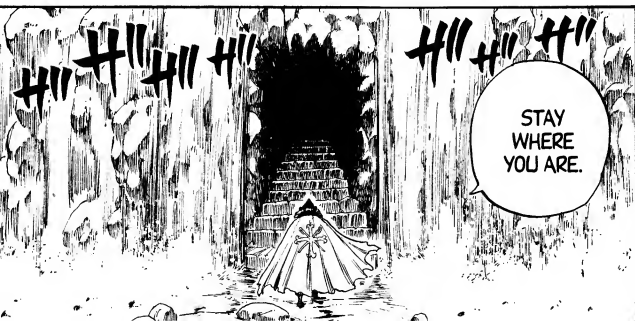
TING

THIS IS AN
IMPORTANT
LOCALE.

THEN YOU'VE
BEEN HERE FOR
50 YEARS?







!!

HE WHO SEEKS
THE RAVE OF
TRUTH MUST
UNDERGO A
FINAL TRIAL.

THE SECOND
MUST PROCEED
ALONE.

T
I
N
G

GULP

FINAL
TRIAL?

NO!

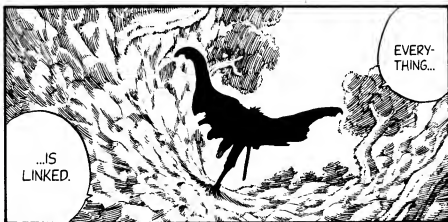
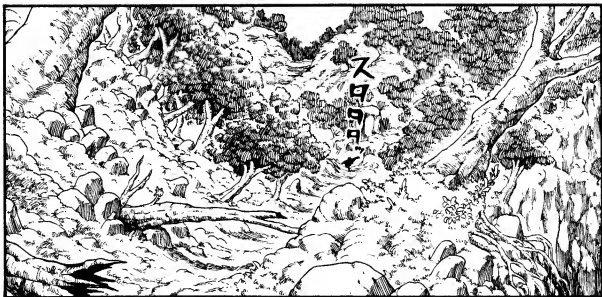
WE CAN'T
GO WITH
HIM?!





RAVE





...IS
LINKED.

EVERY-
THING...



SNAP



...IT MIGHT BE
TIME FOR IT.

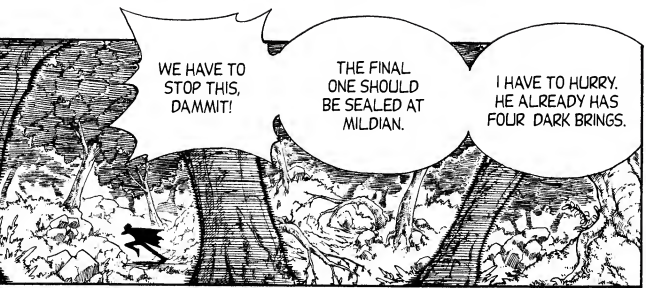
WHEN LUCIA
HAS ALL THE
MOTHER DBS...

huff

huff

huff

huff



WE HAVE TO
STOP THIS,
DAMMIT!

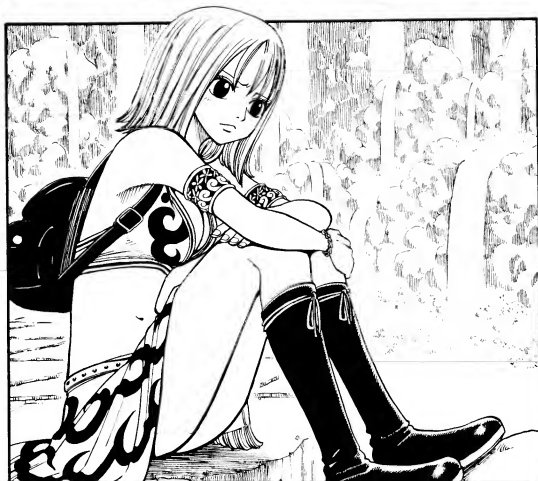
THE FINAL
ONE SHOULD
BE SEALED AT
MILDIAN.

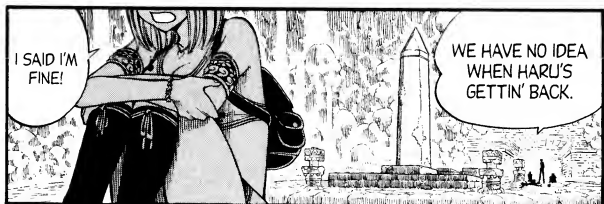
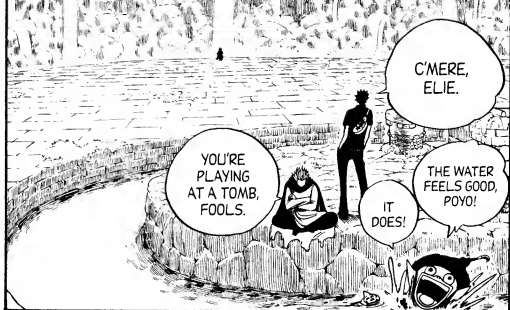
I HAVE TO HURRY.
HE ALREADY HAS
FOUR DARK BRINGS.

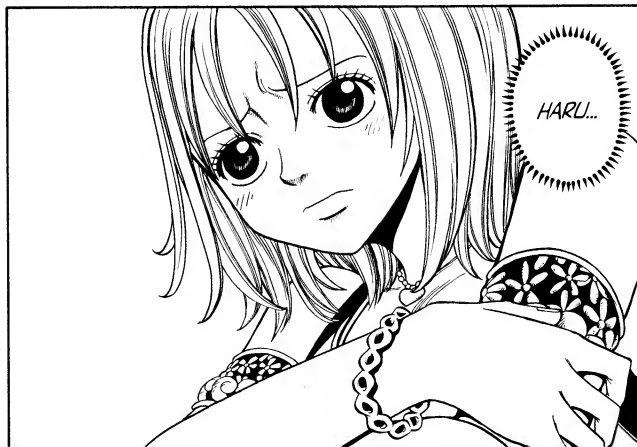
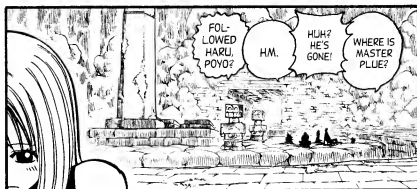


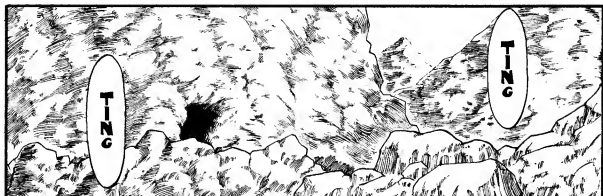
PLEASE,
SIEG HART!

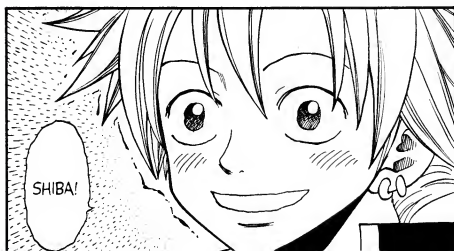
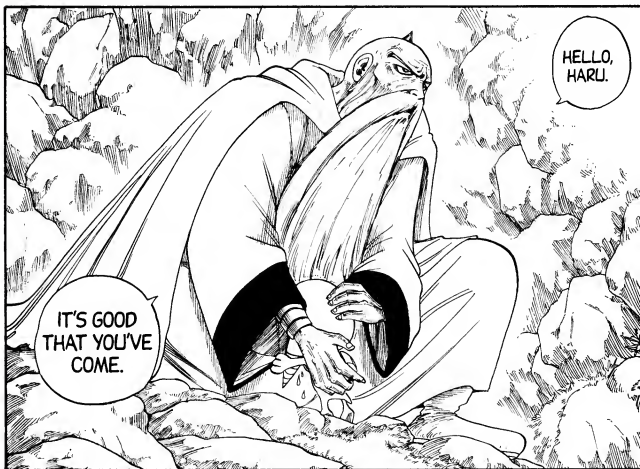
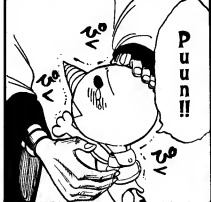
DON'T LET HIM
GET THE DARK
BRING BEFORE
I GET THERE!













IT'S BEEN FOREVER!

I DON'T GET IT, BUT COOL!

HOW ARE YOU GUYS?!



WHAT?! ALICE AND OLD MAN MUSICA!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?



HUH?



?

Wanna play?
Munya munya
munya!

Munya!

Munya!



I brought plenty to
drink! Bwa ha ha!



It's been so
loooong, Haru!
Boo hoo hoo!

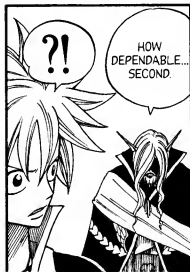


What Haru
Expected:

THEY'RE
KINDA OUT OF
CHARACTER.



UH...



?!

HOW
DEPENDABLE...
SECOND.

YOU'RE ALL
WORRIED,
RIGHT?

DON'T BE--
I CAN DO THIS!



WAIT-I
GET IT!
THE FINAL
TRIAL!



I AM THE
GUARDIAN
OF THE RAVE
OF TRUTH.

I AM ALPINE
OF THE FOUR
KNIGHTS OF
THE BLUE SKY.



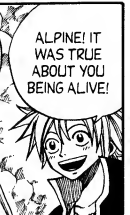
WHOA WHOA!
SERIOUSLY, IT'S OKAY--
I DON'T CARE ABOUT
STUFF LIKE THAT.



IT WAS RUDE TO NOT
PAY PROPER RESPECT
TO A DESCENDANT OF
SYMPHONIA ROYALTY.



I'LL BE
OFF, THEN.



ALPINE! IT
WAS TRUE
ABOUT YOU
BEING ALIVE!



MM.



SHIBA.



THEN LET'S
BEGIN.

BEGIN?
OH, THE
TRIAL.

BRING
IT ON!



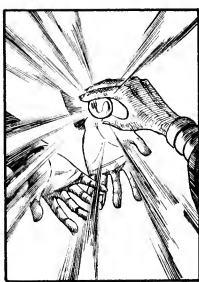
THIS IS THE
RAVE OF
TRUTH.

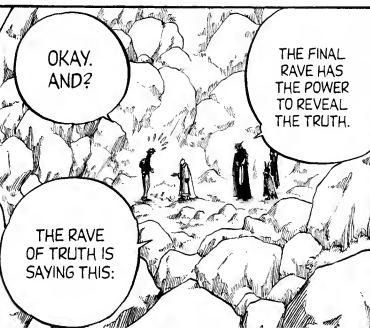
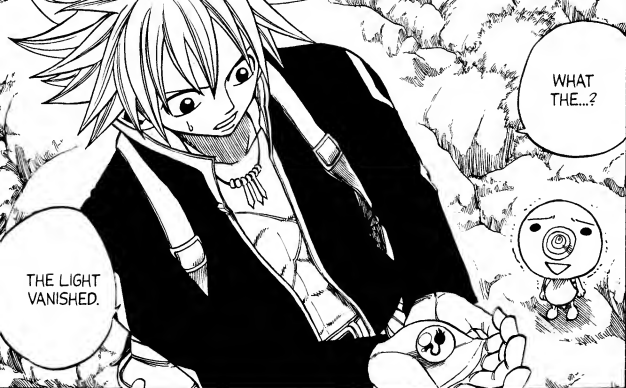
HARU.



TH-THIS IS
THE LAST--

HOLD
OUT
YOUR
HAND.







"SHIBA IS
THE *TRUE*
RAVE
MASTER."

AND THE VOICES
OF DEER, CLEA,
DALMATIAN,
AND THE
POPULACE.

RAVE'S
VOICE IS
RESHA'S
VOICE.

THAT'S
THE
TRUTH.

SORRY, BOY, BUT
THE VOICES OF
THE PAST DON'T
ACCEPT YOU.

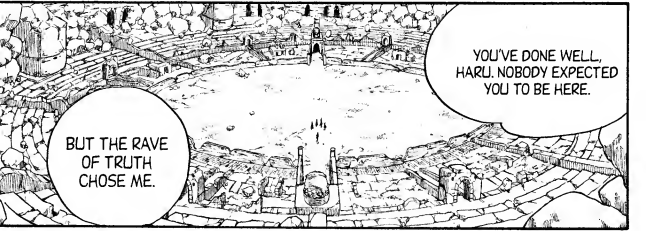


BECAUSE RAVE'S
POWER IS SO
OVERWHELMING...

...IT'S LIMITED
TO ONE USER
SO FEWER WILL
STRUGGLE FOR IT.

I TOLD YOU
SOMETHING A
LONG TIME AGO.

THERE'S ONLY
ONE RAVE USER
IN THE WORLD.



BUT THE RAVE
OF TRUTH
CHOSE ME.

YOU'VE DONE WELL,
HARU. NOBODY EXPECTED
YOU TO BE HERE.



I TOLD YOU,
THERE'S ONLY
ONE RAVE USER
IN THE WORLD.



WHAT'RE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?!
I'LL DO IT! I'M
THE SECOND--
I INHERITED
RAVE'S POWER!



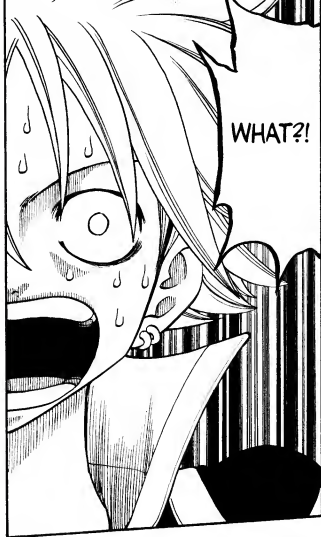
IT'S HARD TO
BELIEVE, BUT THE
RAVE HAS SPOKEN.



...THERE
IS BUT
ONE
PATH.

FOR YOU TO
TAKE MY PLACE
IN THE FIGHT
AHEAD...

NOW
I HAVE TO
ONCE
AGAIN--



WHAT?!



YOU MUST
SURPASS
THE FIRST.



THEN
YOU'LL BE
RAVE'S TRUE
MASTER.

DEFEAT
ME.



ALL
IS THE
WILL OF
RAVE.

BUT YOU
MUST. IT ISN'T
OUR DECISION.

I-I
CAN'T
JUST--



H-HOLD ON!
I CAN'T FIGHT
SHIBA!



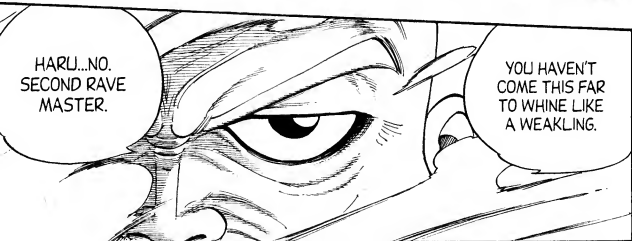
I WILL
BE THE
WITNESS.



REMEMBER, IT
ONLY LASTS
15 MINUTES.

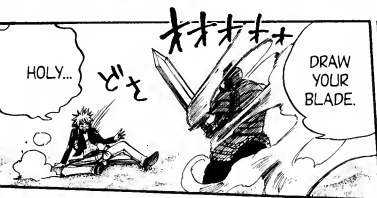


TAKE IT. IT
WON'T LOSE
TO THE TEN
POWERS.



HARU...NO.
SECOND RAVE
MASTER.

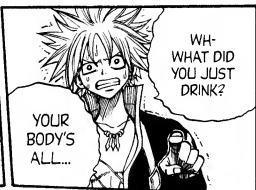
YOU HAVEN'T
COME THIS FAR
TO WHINE LIKE
A WEAKLING.



HOLY...



DRAW
YOUR
BLADE.



WH-
WHAT DID
YOU JUST
DRINK?

YOUR
BODY'S
ALL...

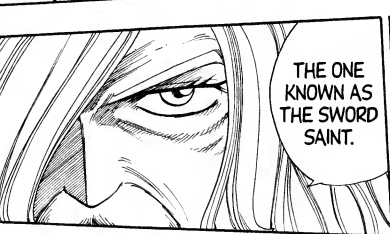


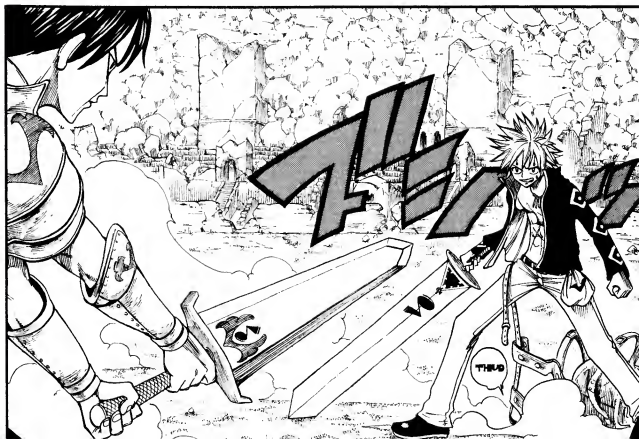
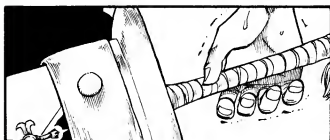
IF YOU
LOSE THIS
BATTLE...

OUR STEEL IS
REAL. DON'T
HOLD BACK.

...IN YOUR
PLACE...

...I'LL FIGHT
AS THE RAVE
MASTER
ONCE AGAIN.







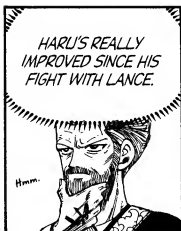


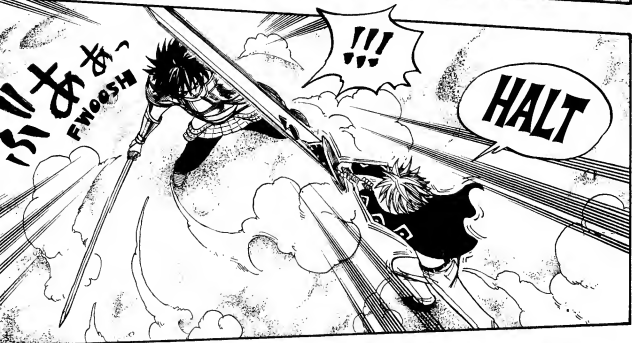


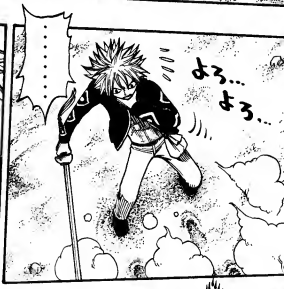
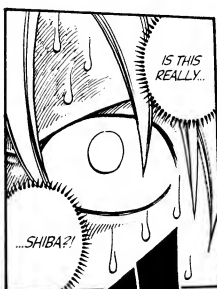
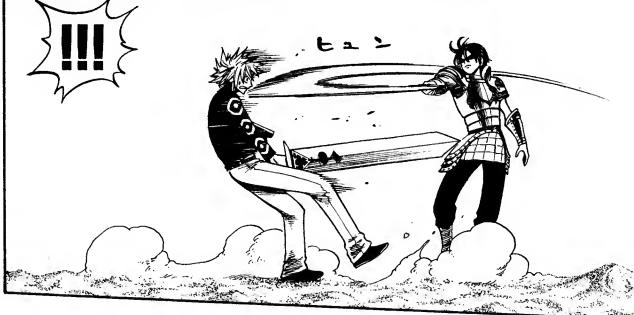


ZZGI-

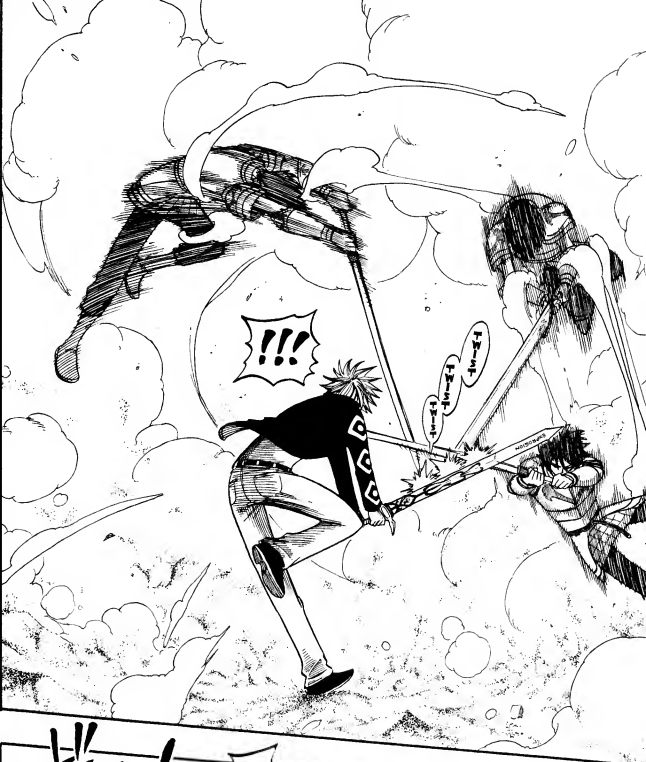
















HOW
ABOUT...
THIS?!

SILFARION!

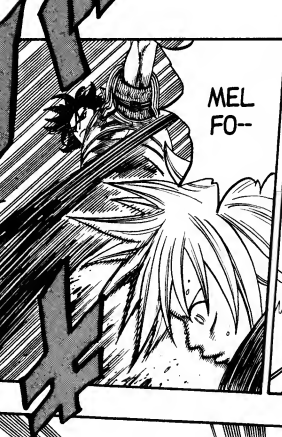
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WHAT?!



!!!





NOTHING'S...
WORKING!

huff

huff

huff



ACTUALLY...
I THINK HE'S
IMPROVED.



HE'S
REGAINED
SO MUCH
OF WHAT
HE ONCE
HAD.



THE TEN
POWERS WAS
ORIGINALLY
USED BY
SHIBA.



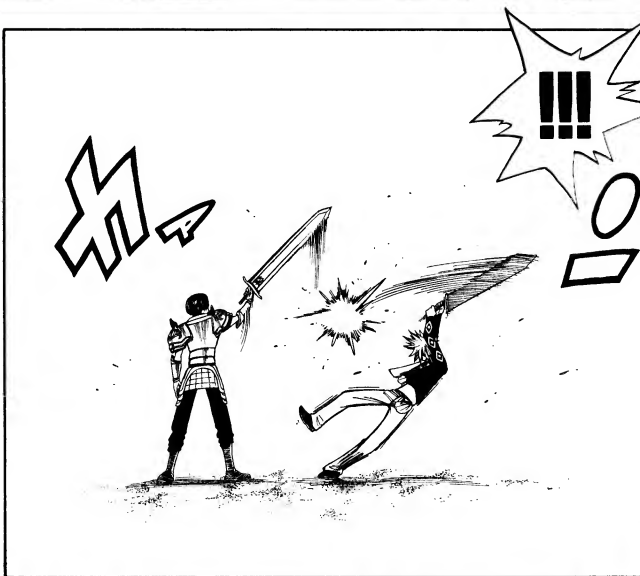
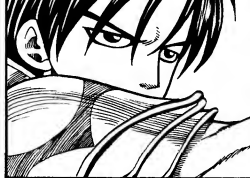
HE'S FINALLY
GOTTEN USED
TO THAT BODY.

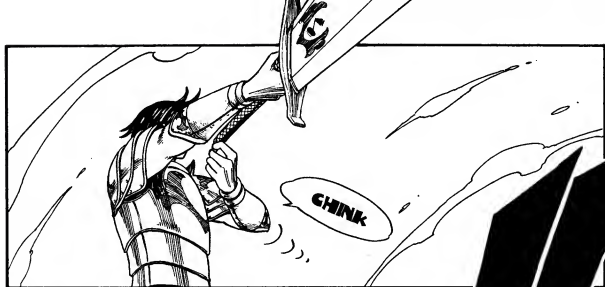
NOW HE HAS
YOUTH AND
EXPERIENCE.

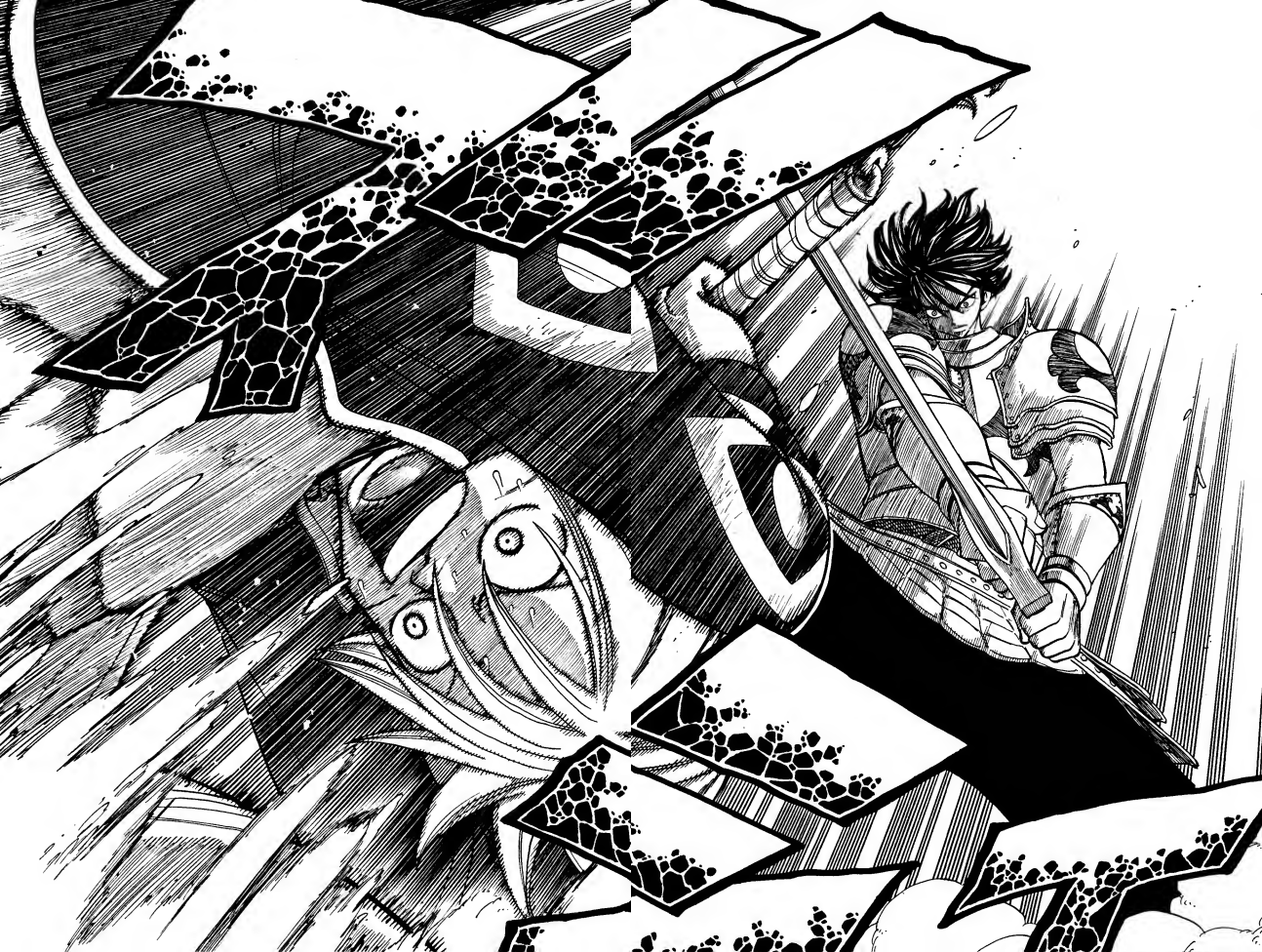
GENGHI

FLEX









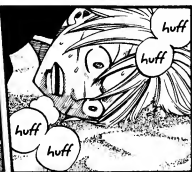
YOUR
SWORD IS
TOO LIGHT.



RAVE MASTER



YOUR
SWORD IS
TOO LIGHT.





GRAVITY
CORE?

HOW CAN YOU
CALL THIS
LIGHT?!

THUD

!!!



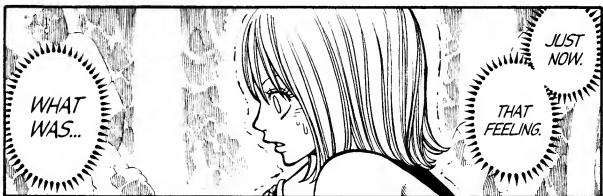
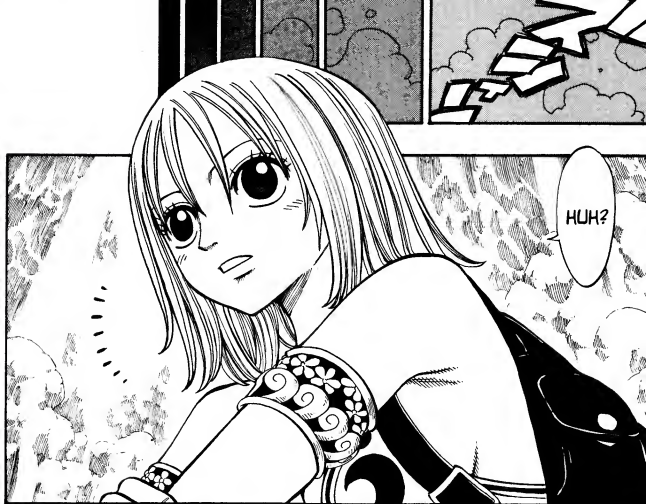
YOU STILL
DON'T GET IT.

YOU
FOOL.



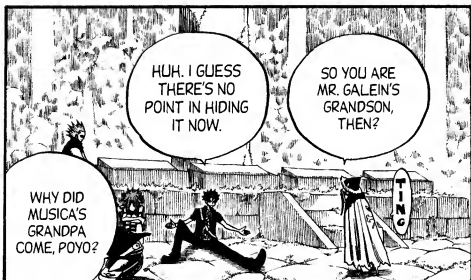
IT'S SO...
HEAVY!







SHIBA AND
ALPINE ARE
OLD FRIENDS,
IT SEEMS.



HUH. I GUESS
THERE'S NO
POINT IN HIDING
IT NOW.

SO YOU ARE
MR. GALEIN'S
GRANDSON,
THEN?

WHY DID
MUSICA'S
GRANDPA
COME, POYO?



MISS ELIE!

WHATEVER.
HARU CAN
HANDLE
WHATEVER
IT'S--



I GUESS
THEY CAME
TOGETHER FOR
HARU'S TRIAL..

IT'S A
GEEZER
PARTY.



STOP THIS
INSTANT! DO NOT
INTERFERE!

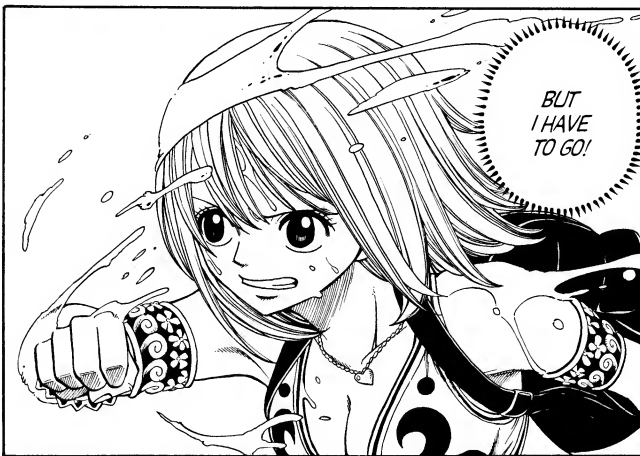
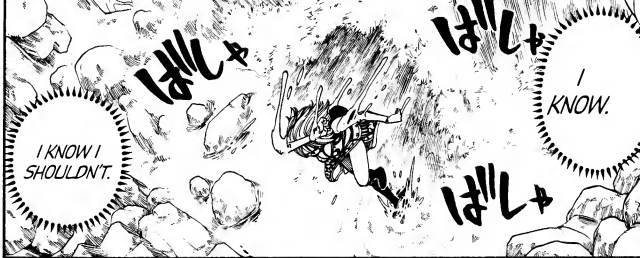


ELIE?



MISS
ELIE, YOU
MUSTN'T!

YOU
MUSTN'T
GO!





EARTH-
QUAKE,
POYOOO!



UH-OH.

WHAT'S
THIS?



THIS
IS...!

NO--IT
ISN'T!



SHIT!

SHIT!

SHIT!



!



SHUT UP,
DORKS.

I'M
TRYING
TO
SLEEP.



WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THIS?!

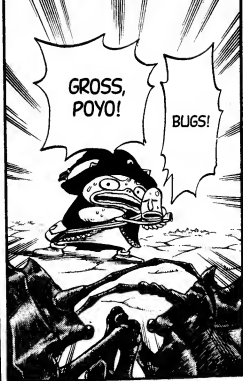


THEY'RE...
MYSTIC
REALM.



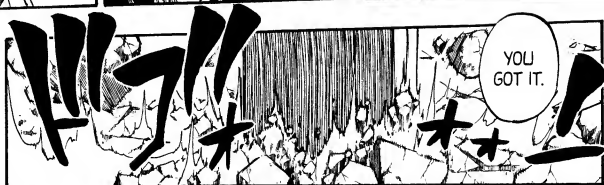
BELNIKA,
GET
BACK!

H-HOW
COULD THEY
POSSIBLY BE
DWELLING
HERE?



GROSS,
POYO!

BUGS!



YOU
GOT IT.



GETTIN' ALL OF
RAVE TOGETHER,
ARE WE?

HA!

SOUNDS
TASTY.



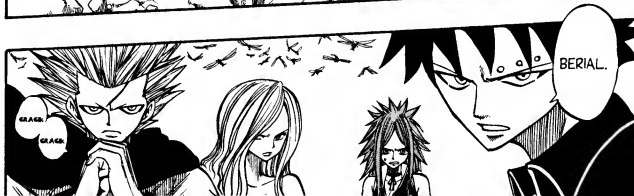


Kee kee
kee!

NOW I CAN
STEAL 'EM
ALL IN ONE
PLACE.

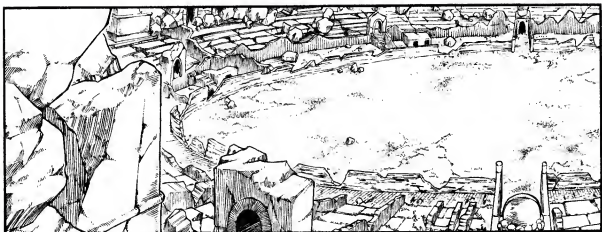
GA HA
HA!

I MIGHT
EVEN GET
A COUNTRY
OR TWO
OUT OF IT.



GRASS
GRASS

BERIAL.



THE
STRENGTH
OF EMOTION
BECOMES
THE WEIGHT
OF YOUR
BLADE.



DAMMIT!

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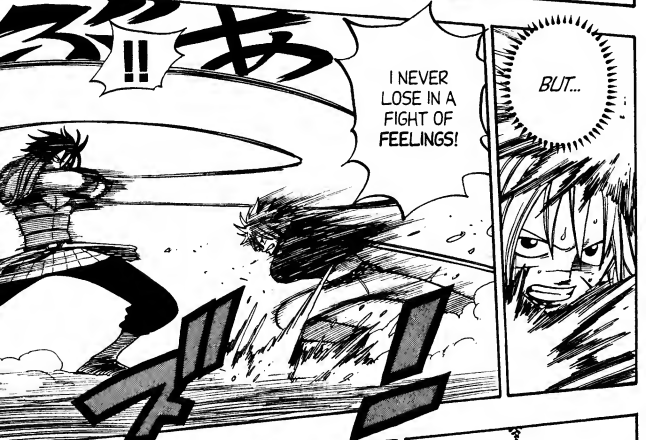


IT'S
FROM HIS
SWORD'S
FEELINGS?!

This panel shows a character being struck by a sword, with a large explosion of energy and motion lines. A speech bubble from the character being hit says "NNGH!".

NNGH!

ALL OF HIS
HITS ARE SO
POWERFUL!

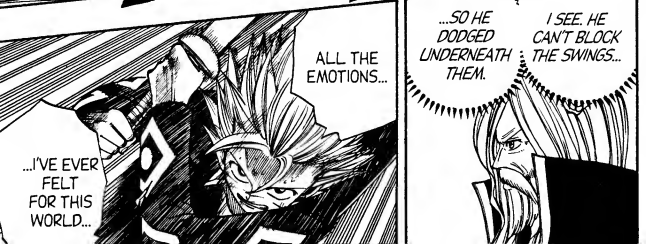


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This panel shows a character being struck by a sword, with a large explosion of energy and motion lines. A speech bubble from the character being hit says "NNGH!".

I NEVER
LOSE IN A
FIGHT OF
FEELINGS!

BUT...



...I'VE EVER
FELT
FOR THIS
WORLD...

This panel shows a character being struck by a sword, with a large explosion of energy and motion lines. A speech bubble from the character being hit says "NNGH!".

ALL THE
EMOTIONS...

...SO HE
DODGED
UNDERNEATH
THEM.

I SEE. HE
CAN'T BLOCK
THE SWINGS...



...MAKE ME
STRONG!



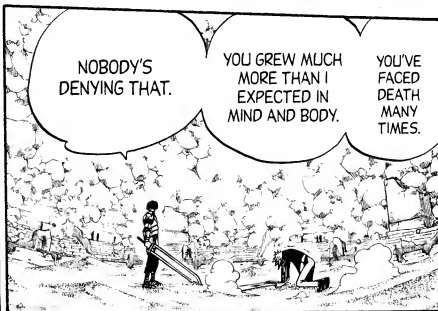
HE
BLOCKED
IT?!



"EMOTIONS
FOR THE
WORLD"?



DON'T BE
NAIVE!





IT'S *ONLY*
BEEN TWO
YEARS.

I'VE CARED
FOR THIS
WORLD FOR
50.

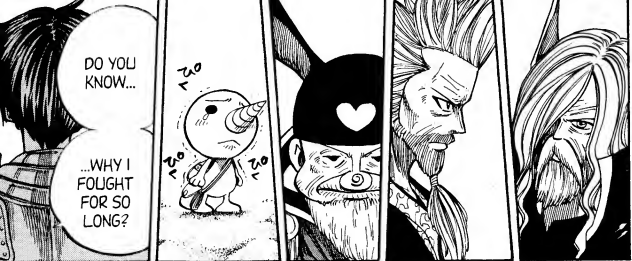


I
CAN'T
WIN.



I'LL NEVER
LIVE UP
TO THAT.

NOT IF THIS
IS ABOUT
WHO'S BEEN
AROUND
LONGER.





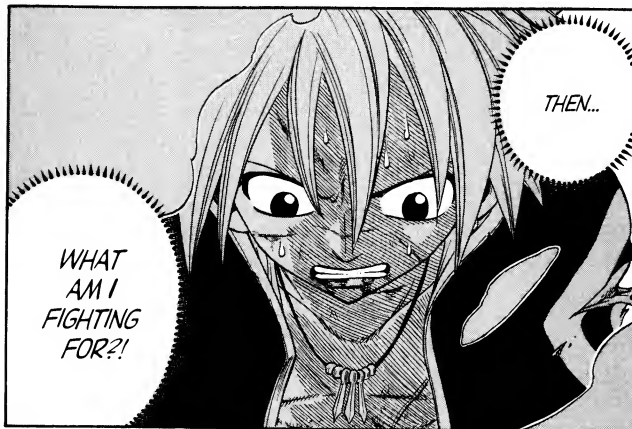
SHE'S KEPT
HIM GOING
FOR 50
YEARS.



RESHA...



THEN...

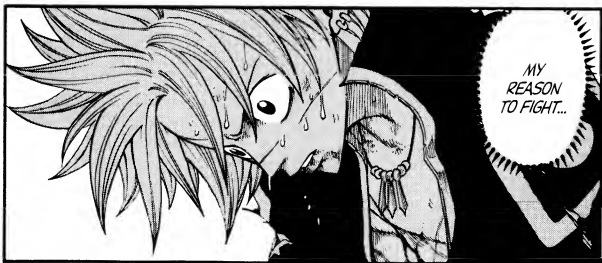


WHAT
AM I
FIGHTING
FOR?!

THEN...



RAVE:241  FOR WHOSE SAKE?









GAHA!



THAT MIGHT
WELL BE.



YOU SAID
NOTHING ABOUT
KILLING HIM!

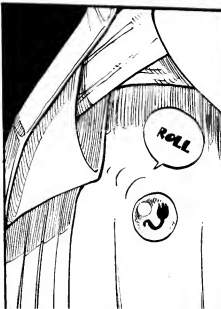
STOP THIS!
NOW!



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ROLL





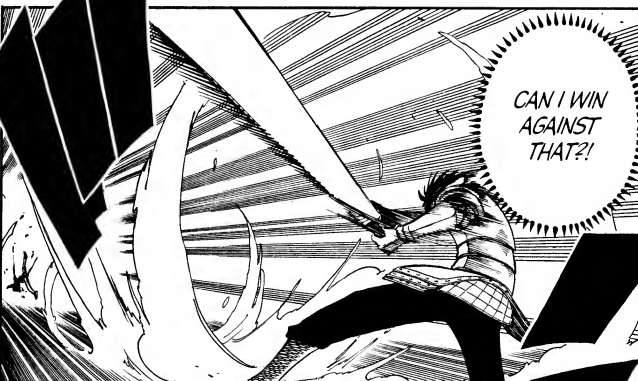
BUT SHIBA'S
FEELINGS FOR
RESHA...

...OVER 50
YEARS...

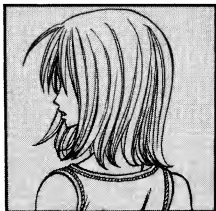


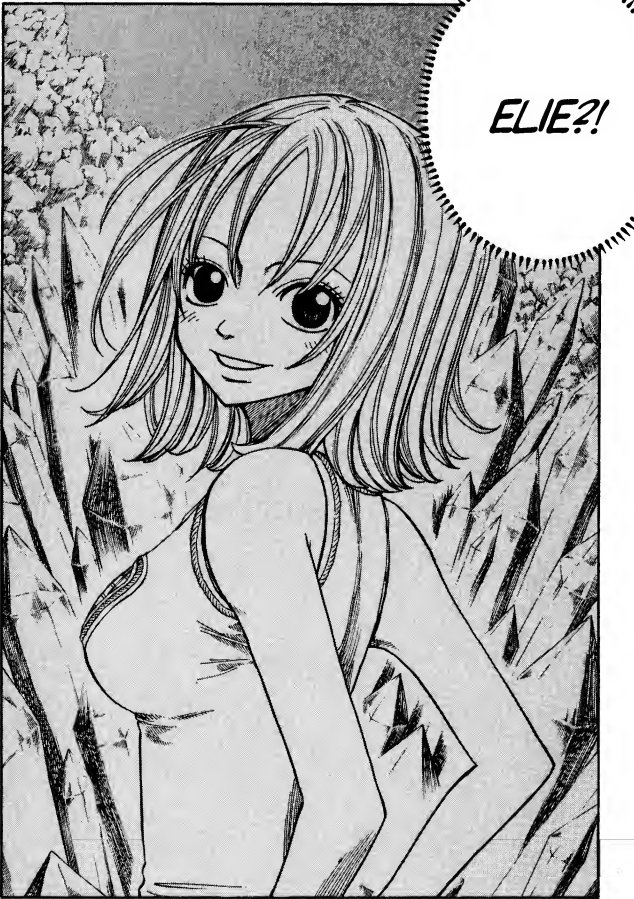
I HAVE
MY OWN
REASONS
FOR DOING
WHAT I DO.

LOTS OF
REASONS!

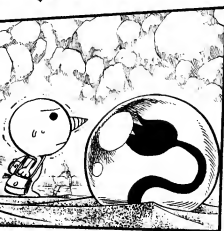


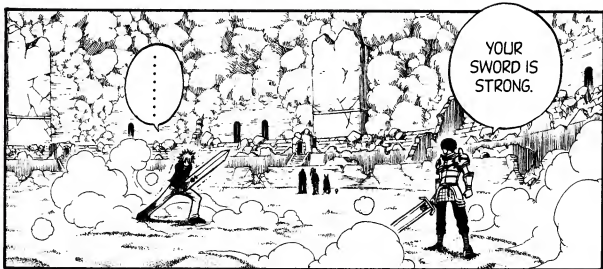
CAN I WIN
AGAINST
THAT?!





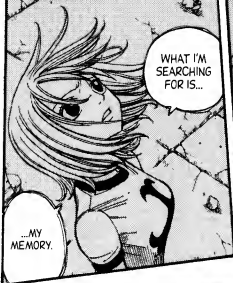
ELIE?!







HA-
RUUU!!



WHAT I'M
SEARCHING
FOR IS...

...MY
MEMORY.



I THINK
PLUE'S
REALLY
AN
INSECT.

!...

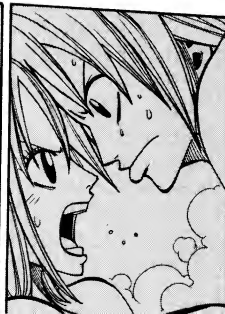
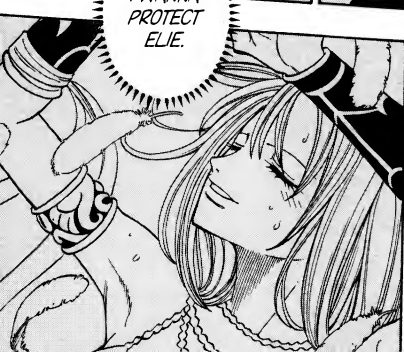


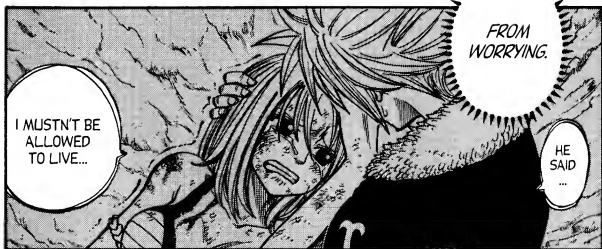
I WANNA
GO CHECK
IT OUT--



AAH,
IT'S THE
BEST.
♡

I WANNA
PROTECT
ELIE.





I MUSTN'T BE
ALLOWED
TO LIVE...

FROM
WORRYING.

HE
SAID
...



FROM
FEAR.



FROM
SADNESS.

CAN'T I
DO ANY-
THING?



AND MORE
THAN ANY-
THING...



...FROM
HIM.



I SWORE
TO THAT!

BACK
THEN...

LICK



*THAT'S MY
REASON TO
FIGHT!*



HE MADE
ELIE CRY.

SO I'LL
FIGHT HIM!!!!



WHAT?!
MY
SWORD!



CRACK



...THAT
WON'T
LOSE TO
ANYONE!



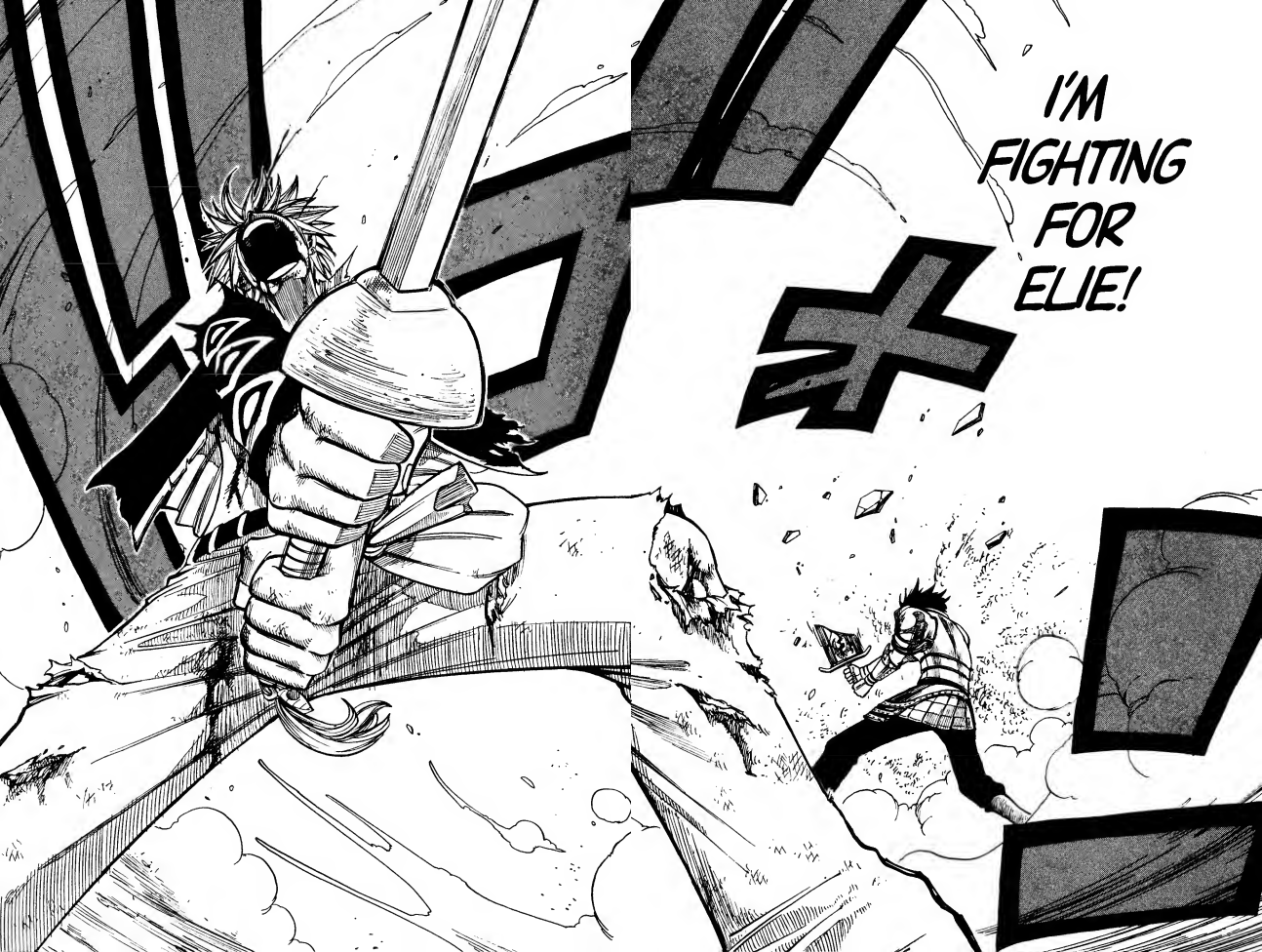
THAT'S ONE
FEELING...

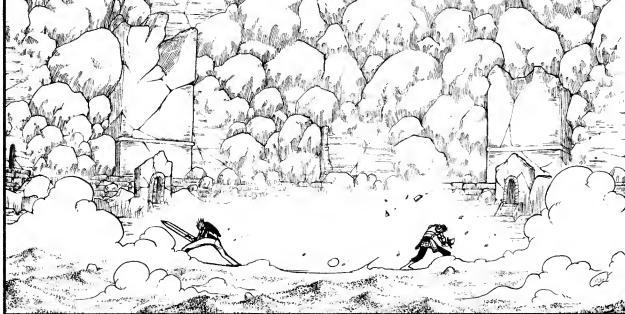
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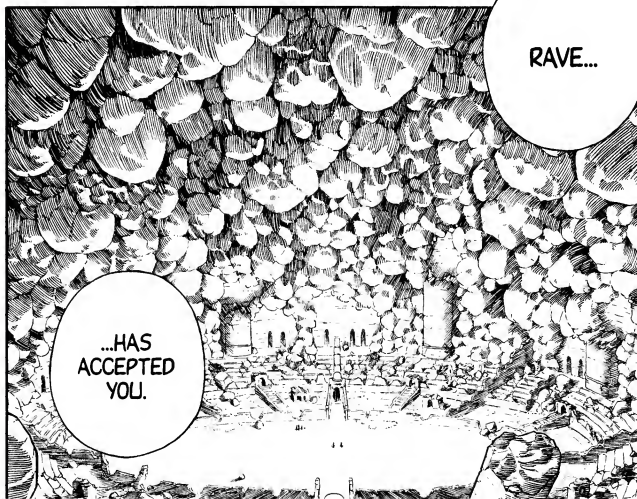
110 TT...

**I'M
FIGHTING
FOR
ELIE!**





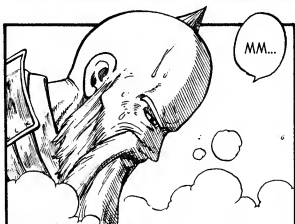
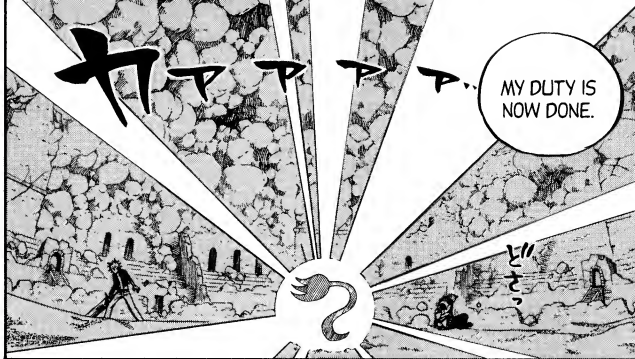




RAVE...

...HAS
ACCEPTED
YOU.







ALICE! GIVE
HIM A POTION
OR SOMETHING,
WILL YA?!

CRAP,
WHAT
DID I
DO?!

FORGET
THAT! ARE
YOU OKAY?!

HURRY AND
TAKE RAVE
INTO YOUR
HAND.

Puun!!
Puun!!

koff!

hggk!



IT GRANTS
YOUTH IN
EXCHANGE FOR
LIFE SPAN.

I'M
GOING
TO
DIE.

NO POTION
WILL WORK
ON ME NOW.



HURRY!

IT'S THE
POTION I DRANK
EARLIER.



WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
YOU?!

WHY
WOULD
YOU GIVE
HIM THAT?!

ARE YOU...
SERIOUS?





IS THAT...
SNFF!...
WHAT YOU
THINK...?

DO YOU THINK
I WANTED
TO GIVE HIM
THE POTION?

hic!

DO
YOU...

hic!



Nh...
Nght



gggh...

hic!
hic!



THAT
SHOULD GO
WITHOUT
SAYING.



WE'RE HIS
OLDEST
FRIENDS.



WE...
TRIED TO
STOP HIM.



THAT'S
NOT WHAT
YOU SAID!

YOU SAID
YOU'D FIGHT IN
MY PLACE IF I
LOST TO YOU!



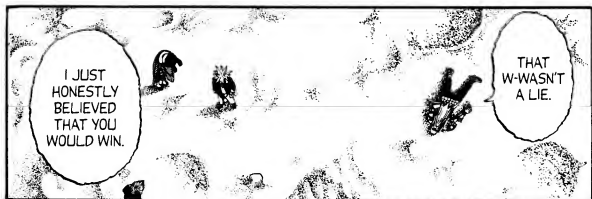
TH-THEN
YOU...

...MEANT
TO DIE?
FROM THE
BEGINNING?



BUT IT WAS...
MY DECISION.

IT'S
NOBODY'S
FAULT.



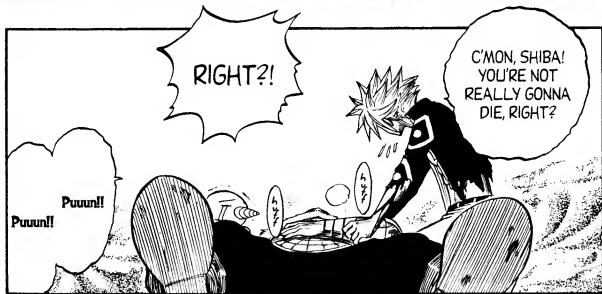
I JUST
HONESTLY
BELIEVED
THAT YOU
WOULD WIN.

THAT
W-WASN'T
A LIE.



I TRUSTED IN
THE IDEA...THAT
YOU WOULD
SURPASS ME.

AND THAT
WAS WORTH
THE COST OF
MY LIFE.



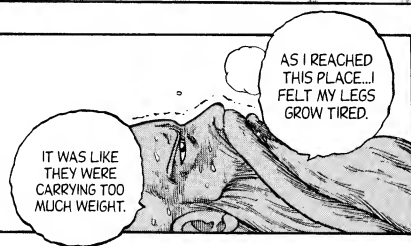


I'VE S-SIMPLY
REACHED
THE PLACE...

...WHERE MY
JOURNEY
ENDS.

SHIBA,
DON'T DIE!

PLEASE,
DON'T DIE!



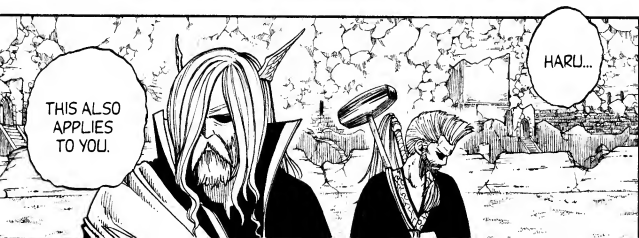
AS I REACHED
THIS PLACE...I
FELT MY LEGS
GROW TIRED.

IT WAS LIKE
THEY WERE
CARRYING TOO
MUCH WEIGHT.



DON'T... Hgggh!

DON'T
SAY THAT!
Nngh!



THIS ALSO
APPLIES
TO YOU.

HARU...

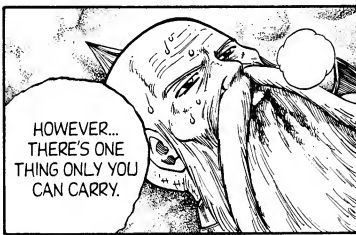


PERHAPS IT
IS TOO MUCH
FOR ANY ONE
PERSON.

S-SO LET
YOUR
FRIENDS...
CARRY IT
WITH YOU.

THE HOPES,
DREAMS...AND
FUTURE OF
THE WORLD'S
PEOPLE.

YOU'RE
CARRYING
MANY THINGS
ON YOUR
SHOULDERS.



HOWEVER...
THERE'S ONE
THING ONLY YOU
CAN CARRY.



MORE BACKS
WON'T ADD TO
THE WEIGHT.



Mmph!

I BELIEVE
THAT THAT
IS LINKED TO
PROTECTING
THE WORLD.

THE DESIRE
TO PROTECT
THE ONE MOST
PRECIOUS
TO YOU.

Nn!

hic!

YOU'VE
BECOME THE
TRUE RAVE
MASTER.

NOW...
G-GO.

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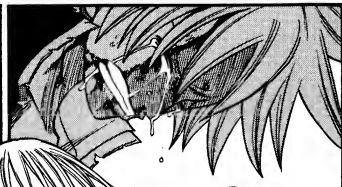
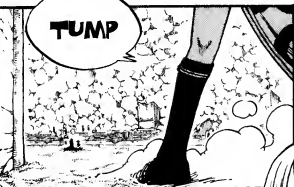
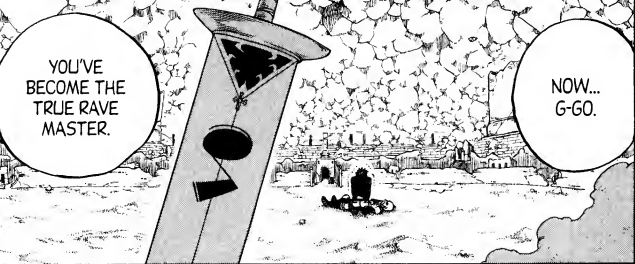
ELIE...!

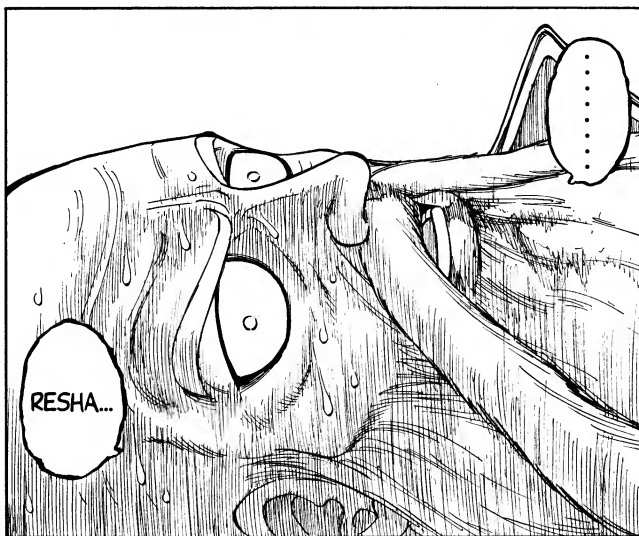
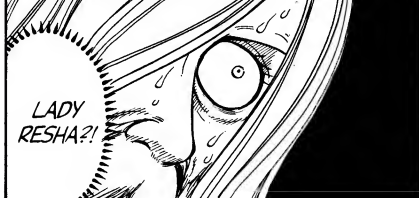
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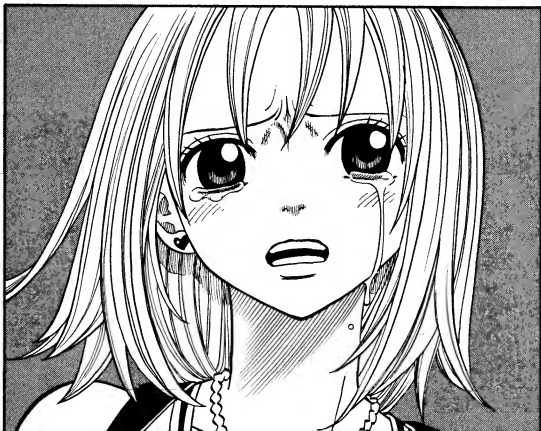
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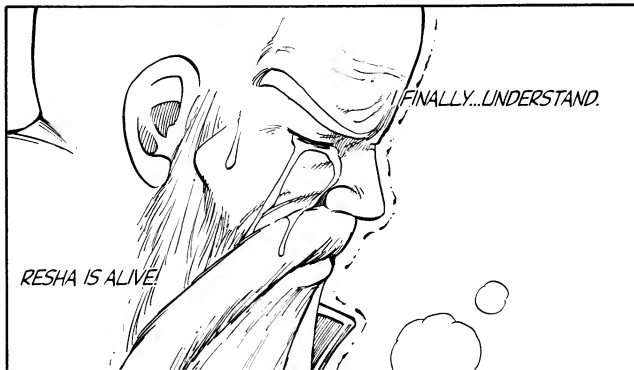
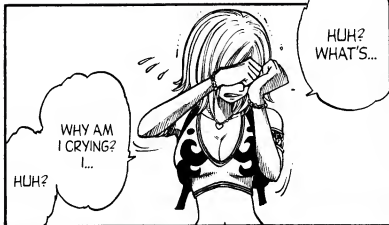
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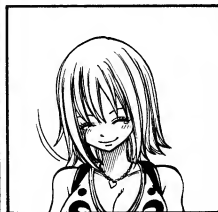
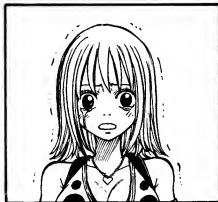
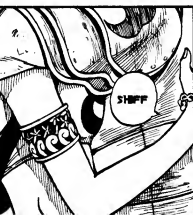
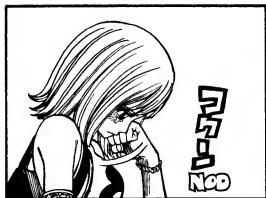
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WHAT
IS IT,
SHIBA?

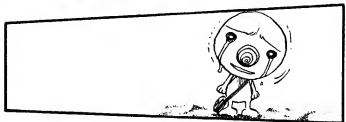
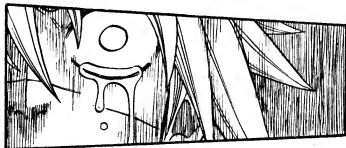
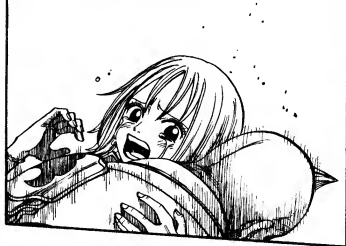


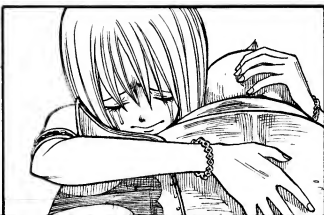
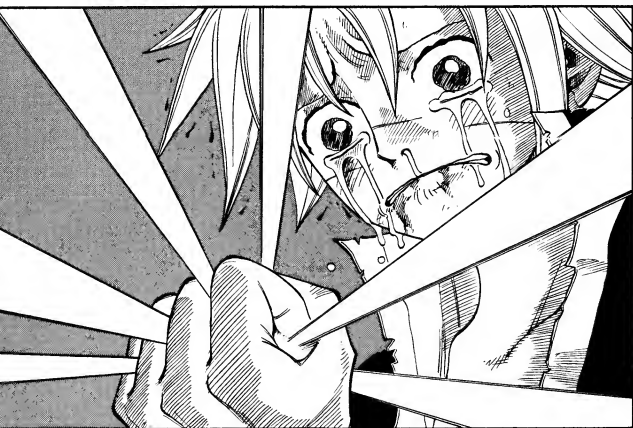
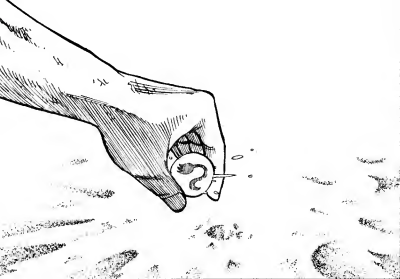


I CAN GO HOME.

...MY JOURNEY
IS FINALLY
OVER.

THANKS
TO YOU...







THAT WAS THE
DAY THAT THE
FIRST RAVE
MASTER, SHIBA
ROSES, DEPARTED
THIS WORLD...

...AND PASSED
ALL OF RAVE
TO THE SECOND,
HARU GLORY.

RAVE MASTER



RAVE:243  THE SWORD SAINT'S BATON







WORRY
ABOUT YOUR
OWN FIGHT!

I'M FINE!

SORRY.



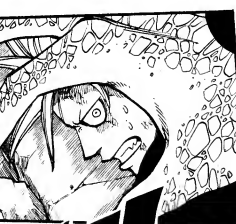
AIM FOR
BERIAL! IF WE
FINISH HIM,
THE REST
MAY FALL!

WHERE
IS THE
CUR?!



THERE'S
NO END TO
THESE DAMN
THINGS!

IF THIS
KEEPS
UP, WE'RE
SCREWED.





WHA?



AND YOU
KILLED
REINA.



AH!



I'M NOT
THEM,
BOYOS.

YOU DON'T
STAND AN
ICE CUBE'S
CHANCE
IN HELL.



R-RIGHT!

THAT WAY, THEY
CAN'T GET US
FROM BEHIND.

EVERYBODY,
PUT YOUR
BACKS
TOGETHER!

POYO!



I HATE
THESE
FREAKING
THINGS!

THE BUGS
ARE KEEPING
US FROM
BERIAL.

I
KNOW.

CALM
YOUR-
SELF,
JULIA.



THIS IS
GETTING BAD.
WHAT DO WE
DO NOW?











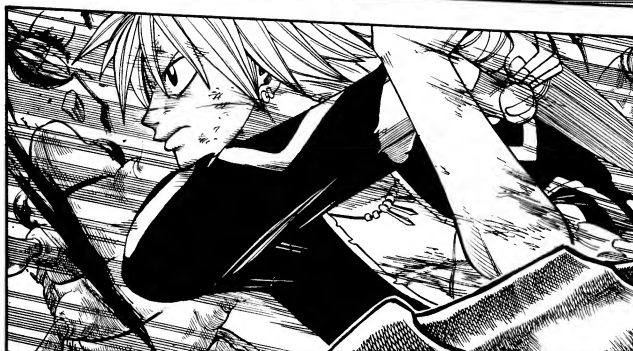
I WANNA
BURY SHIBA.

SO GET
LOST.
NOW.



OKAY, BOYS--
THE MAIN
COURSE HAS
ARRIVED!

DINNER IS
SERVED!



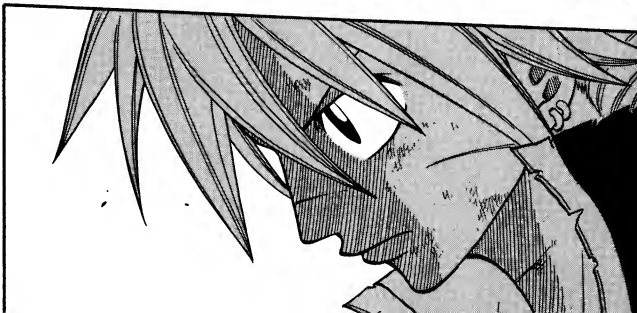
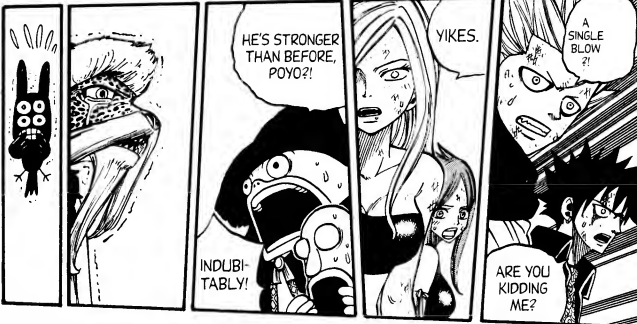
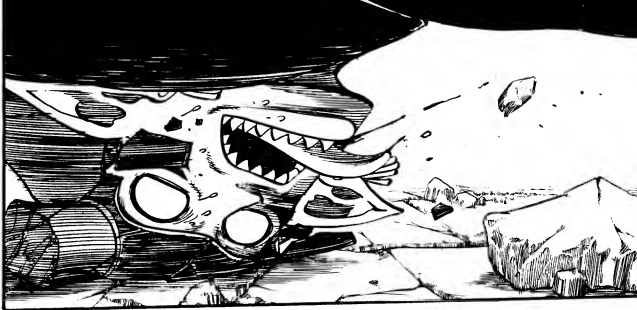
NOW I GET TO
SHOW YOU...

...THE REAL
POWER OF MY
DARK BRING!





...WHERE
WARRIORS
REST IN
PEACE!





TH-THE
INSECTS ARE
RETREATING!



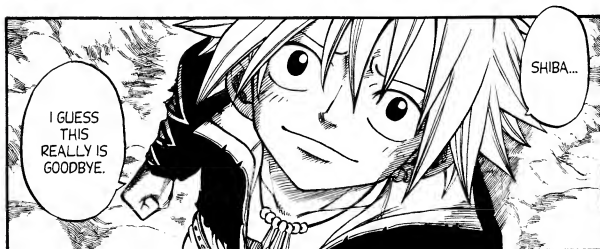
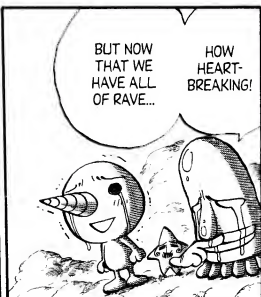
SHIBA, DID
YOU SEE?



YOU DID NOT
CHOOSE THE
WRONG MAN.









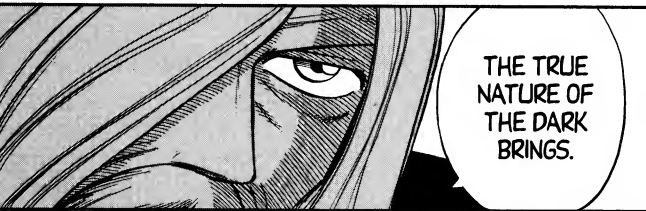
WITH ALL
OF RAVE
ASSEMBLED...

...WE ELDERS
HAVE DONE
OUR DUTY.



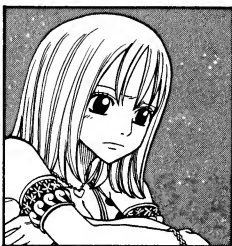
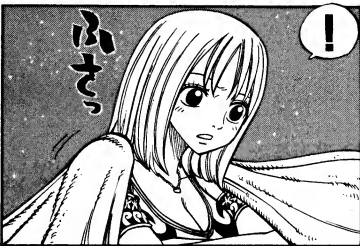
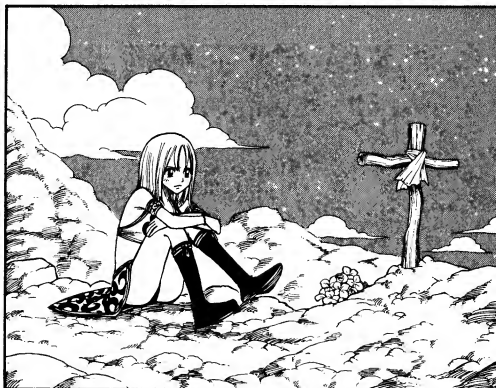
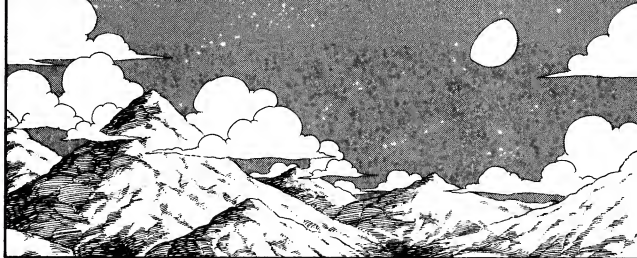
HUH?

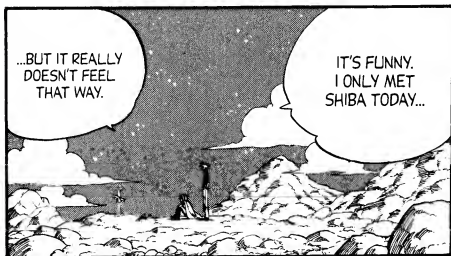
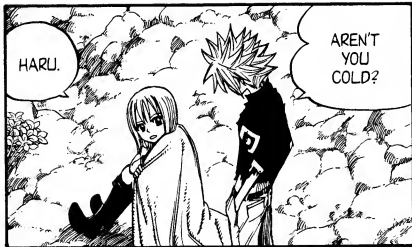
THERE IS JUST
ONE LAST THING
I MUST DISCUSS
WITH YOU...

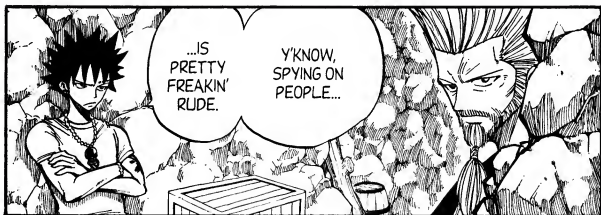


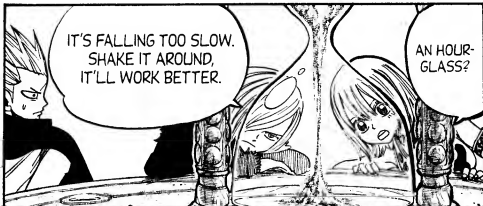
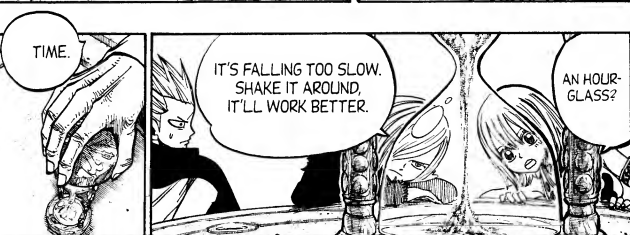
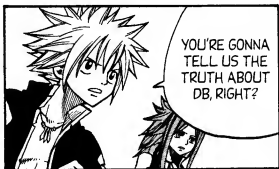
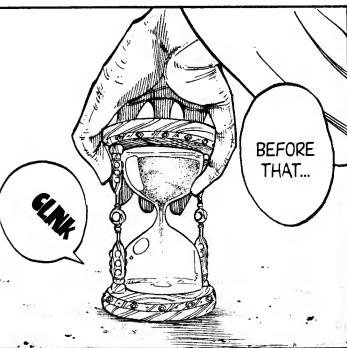
THE TRUE
NATURE OF
THE DARK
BRINGS.

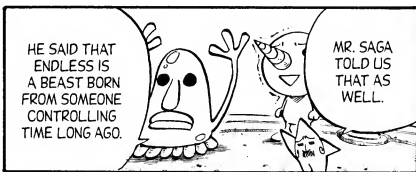












MANKIND
WAS ON THE
EDGE OF
EXTINCTION.

...THIS
WORLD WAS
CRUMBLING.

LONG AGO,
IN ANCIENT
TIMES...



THE
TEMPERATURE
ROSE; THE
WORLD TURNED
TO DESERT.

PERHAPS I
SHOULD SAY
MANKIND WAS
DESTROYED.

THERE WAS
PLAGUE. MANY
DEATHS AND
FEW BIRTHS.



FINALLY
...

THERE WAS
BUT ONE
HUMAN LEFT
IN THE WORLD.

IT WAS A
WORLD SOON
TO END.





I GUESS WE
DON'T NEED
TO HAVE
THAT TALK.

ONLY ONE?
BUT THAT
MEANS NO
KIDS!

W-WAIT
A MINUTE!

WHAT?!



STAR
MEMORY.



...THEN
HOW DO WE
EXIST NOW?!

IF THERE
WAS ONLY
ONE PERSON
LEFT...



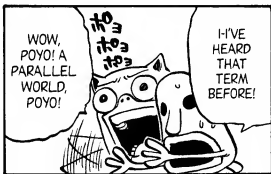
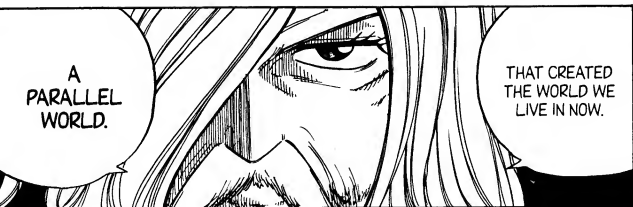
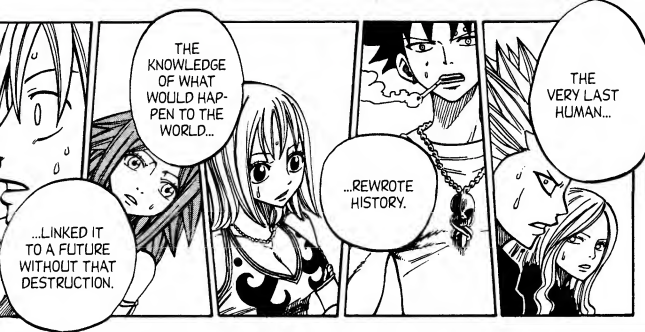
BACK TO
WHEN THE
WORLD WAS
FERTILE
AND
ALIVE.

CLINK

...AND
TURNED
BACK TIME.



THE LAST
HUMAN
REACHED
STAR
MEMORY...



IT REQUIRED
THE CONTROL
OF TIME AND
SPACE.

THE WORLD
WAS SPLIT
IN TWO.

IT'S
QUITE
SIMPLE.

HOW?!

?

...WE RETURNED
TO THE PAST
TO CREATE A
NEW FUTURE.

BUT WHEN
STAR MEMORY
REWROTE
HISTORY...

SCRRRTCH

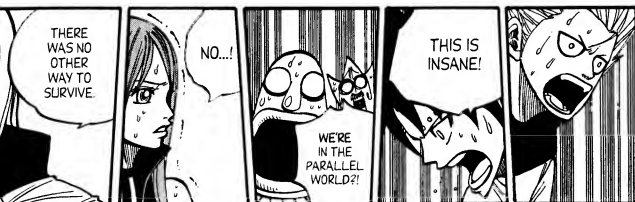
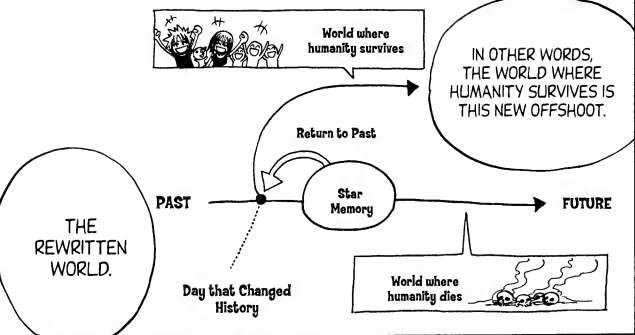
Past *Timeline* *Parallel World* *Star memory* *future*

THIS
IS THE
AXIS OF
TIME.

Past *Timeline*

SCRTCH

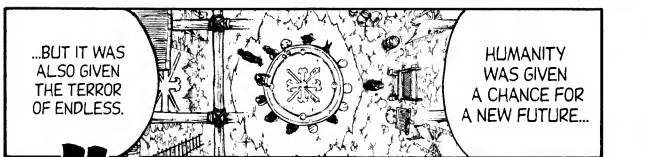
THE DYING
WORLD
EXISTS ALONG
THIS AXIS.





...IS
ENDLESS,
KING OF
OBLIVION.

HIS PURPOSE IS
TO ANNIHILATE
OUR REWRITTEN
HISTORY.



...BUT IT WAS
ALSO GIVEN
THE TERROR
OF ENDLESS.

HUMANITY
WAS GIVEN
A CHANCE FOR
A NEW FUTURE...



HE IS AN
AWESOME,
UNSTOP-
PABLE
POWER.

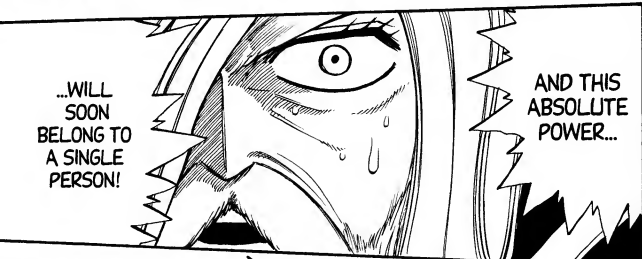


ENDLESS GROWS
BY ACCUMULATING
OUR HATE AND
AMBITION.



HE WILL
ANNIHILATE
OUR WORLD--
THIS ENTIRE
DIMENSION!

ENDLESS
WILL NOT
STOP UNTIL
HE WIPES
AWAY THIS
PLANET!



...WILL
SOON
BELONG TO
A SINGLE
PERSON!

AND THIS
ABSOLUTE
POWER...



?!?!?

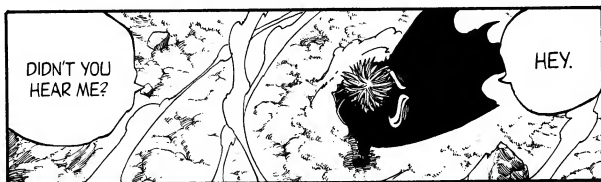
Mildian

SIEG!

SIEG
HART!





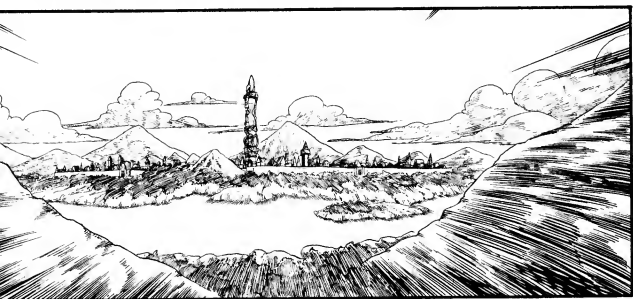
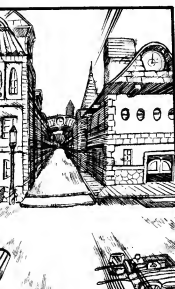




OKAY.

FINE.

I GUESS I'LL
JUST HAVE
TO KILL YOU.



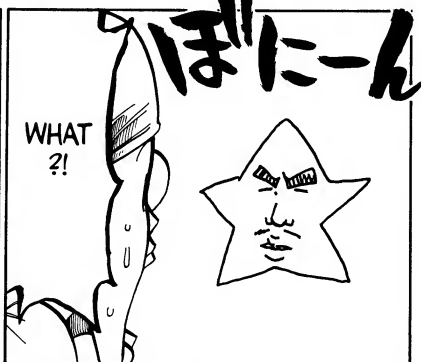


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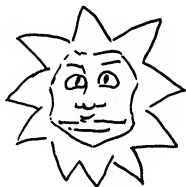
ARE YOU
DRAWING THESE
SERIOUSLY?

Seriously.

OF
COURSE,
SIR!

WHAT
?!

hish~



LIM...OKAY. HOW
ABOUT GRIFF? HE'S
EASY, RIGHT?

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!

THIS MASTERY IS
ALL THANKS TO
YOU AND THE REST
OF THE STAFF.

WHY'D YOU CROSS
OUT THE FIRST
ONE? AND WHERE
ARE HIS HANDS?!

I MESSED
UP THE
FIRST ONE.

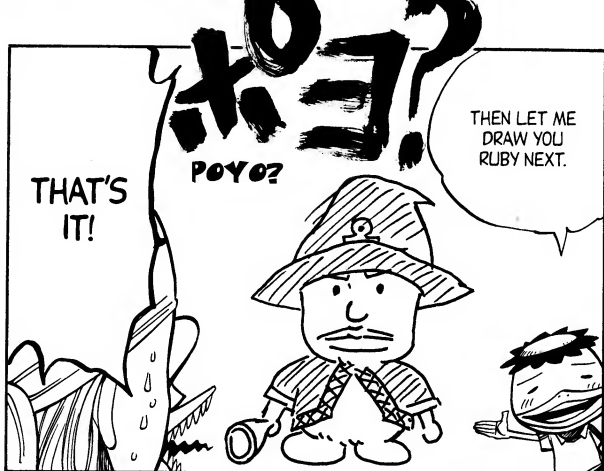
THEY LOOK
EXACTLY THE
SAME!

WAIT A
MINUTE!

hish



hish



THAT'S
IT!

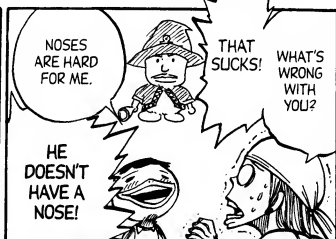
POYO?

THEN LET ME
DRAW YOU
RUBY NEXT.



DON'T
BOTHER.

ANYWAY, I'D BETTER
GET GOING. I'LL COME
BACK TO HELP FROM
TIME TO TIME.



NOSES
ARE HARD
FOR ME.

THAT
SLUCKS!

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
YOU?

HE
DOESN'T
HAVE A
NOSE!

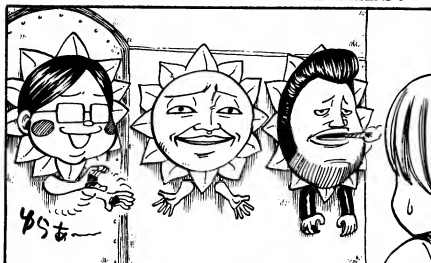


BUT MY ARTIST'S
HEART WAS A
LITTLE WORRIED.
SERIOUSLY, MAN.

THANK YOU!
I SILENTLY
WATCHED YOU
GO WITH A
FATHER'S HEART.

AH...
CHIDA, MY
BOY.

END



AFTERWORDS

WHY DO BIG SHOTS WRITE LIKE THEY'RE PAINTING CALLIGRAPHY? IS ANYONE WITH ME ON THAT? ANYWAY, ABOUT TODAY! MASHIMA HERE. DID YOU LIKE RAVE MASTER VOL. 29? OUR HEROES FINALLY HAVE ALL OF RAVE. IT SURE TOOK A WHILE. I HONESTLY MEANT TO WRAP THIS UP IN 20 VOLUMES, BUT THINGS GOT REALLY LONG. YOU'D THINK I'D BE REALLY MOVED WHEN DRAWING SHIBA'S FINAL SCENE, BUT...I WONDER?

A WHILE BACK, I WAS TOLD THERE WAS THIS ARTIST WHO CRIED HIS EYES OUT EVERY TIME HE DREW A CHARACTER'S DEATH. MAYBE THAT'S NATURAL WHEN YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT A CHARACTER. SORRY, BUT I SHED NO TEARS FOR MY OWN MANGA. NOT FOR GALE'S DEATH, NOT FOR REINA'S; I WASN'T MOVED AT ALL. BUT WHEN I DREW SHIBA'S DEATH, I FELT SAD, IN A WAY. I GOT A LITTLE TEARY WHILE DRAWING THE MANUSCRIPT. I WONDERED HOW I COULD TELL THE READERS THE TALE OF SHIBA'S LIFE IN THE MAIN RAVE MASTER STORY. I DID MY BEST WITH IT.

I THOUGHT IT'D BE GOOD TO HAVE SHIBA COMPARE HIS LIFE TO A JOURNEY THAT WAS FINALLY REACHING ITS DESTINATION. FAREWELL!

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WILL DIE IN THE VOLUMES AHEAD. HM...I WONDER IF I'LL GET TEARS WHILE DRAWING AGAIN. (SNIFF)

Hiro
MASHIMA